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- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Good morning, everyone,
- 2 and welcome to the July 27th/28th meeting of the
- 3 California Integrated Waste Management Board.
- 4 Madam Secretary, would you please call the
- 5 role.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 7 MR. JONES: Here.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: Here.
- 10 SECRETARY OF THE BOARD: Senator Roberti.
- 11 SENATOR ROBERTI: Here.
- 12 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Here. Recognize that we
- 14 have a quorum.
- 15 I'll start on my left. Mr. Pennington, do
- 16 you have any ex partes to state for the record?
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I do.
- 18 I had a verbal communication with Gordon
- 19 Hart with Safety-Kleen regarding Agenda Item 32 yesterday.
- 20 Also, yesterday I had conversation with Chuck Helgott and
- 21 Mike Kaiser regarding Agenda Item Number 6; an E-mail from
- 22 Mike Mohajer; another E-mail from Jan Nara; and I also had
- 23 this morning the memo from Jerry Jangotchian concerning
- 24 five percent.
- 25 I think that's it, Mr. Chairman.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you. Mr. Jones.
- MR. JONES: I think all of the above, plus
- 28 a hello this morning to Paul Geisler and his folks from

- 1 Davis, as well as Rita Hooker and the Batallion Chief from
- 2 Long Beach on the cleanup issue, and Daniel Reed on the
- 3 ongoing project at El Cajon.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: And Senator Roberti.
- 5 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman, I am
- 6 up-to-date, I believe, on my ex partes. Just to let the
- 7 Board know that I, in the last month, have visited a
- 8 number of our regulated facilities, both in the northern
- 9 Sacramento area and the Los Angeles area, and hope I can
- 10 share with you some of the concerns that some of the
- 11 various jurisdictions, as well as some of the various
- 12 groups that we regulate, have.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Good. I, too, have
- 14 received a letter this morning, or a fax, I believe, from
- 15 Jerry Jangotchian in Hawthorne and had a short ${\bf r}$
- 16 meet-and-greet with Mark Apraya, and just an update on
- 17 Sycamore Landfill on today's agenda.
- 18 For those of you who may be here for the
- 19 first time, for those of you who have been here all the
- 20 time, as you well know, there are speaker slips in the
- 21 back. If you could kindly fill those out and put the
- 22 agenda item number down and bring it up to my left and to
- 23 your right to Lisa, she'll see you have the appropriate
- 24 time allotted for speaking on an issue. If you have more
- 25 than one item, it would be greatly appreciated if you
- 26 could put all the numbers down and we will make sure that
- 27 you get to speak on those.
- 28 In addition, for those of you who may have

- 1 entered a little bit late, in addition to the regular
- 2 agenda, there was an addendum to the agenda, which I
- 3 believe is also in the back. If you picked up just one
- 4 sheet that looked like it had 30-some numbers on it,
- S there's also an addendum back there as well.
- 6 Now we will go to reports from members, and
- 7 since Mr. Roberti, you had indicated the fact that you had
- 8 visited a number of locales, perhaps this morning you
- 9 would like to go first. And I should also say before we
- 10 begin, to the members of the public, this is a very
- 11 important aspect. I think as you begin to see, at least
- 12 these four Board members have been out and about talking
- 13 to people as we approach -- it's been, I think, rewarding.
- 14 It's also an opportunity for us to self-examine and also
- 15 to not only be complimented, as we are many times, but
- 16 criticized equally as much, and I think you learn from
- 17 those criticisms as well.
- 18 So without anything further, Senator
- 19 Roberti.
- 20 SENATOR ROBERTI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 21 Yes. I think a common thread that some of
- 22 my visits have is the concerns that some entities have
- 23 that are focussed on diversion is narrow. I'm not saying
- 24 that I agree, but I am saying that it is a common thread
- 25 of concern.
- 26 In the City of Santa Monica, for example,
- 27 they are concerned that many of our considerations don't
- 28 take into factor things that are being done to encourage

- 1 recycling that are really not numerical to our diversion
- 2 rate. And a couple of other points, too, that I think we
- 3 have to consider as we move along, with the recessions
- 4 coming and going, population often changes because of
- 5 that. And some towns, Santa Monica being a very good
- 6 example, with prosperity, their daytime population
- 7 increases enormously.
- 8 Our population factors are very, very
- 9 static, when we factor in diversion or a lot of the other
- 10 things we talk about. It's a consideration, and I think
- 11 is one which may account for a wee bit more flexibility on
- 12 our part as we monitor these situations. That's just one
- 13 thing.
- 14 Something else that impressed me in some of
- 15 the other matters is that a number of entities, such as La r
- 16 Puente or Yolo County up here, are really engaging in a
- 17 lot of new technology -- Puente Hills -- that I think we
- 18 need a little bit more interexchange on. So we know it's
- 19 being done regionally, and they know that we're aware and
- 20 can be cooperative with them. I might say that also goes
- 21 for Sunshine Canyon as well as in Los Angeles County.
- 22 Interesting things I would say that I
- 23 learned about, this job being ever so fascinating in its
- 24 variety and things that I hadn't even contemplated, even
- 25 though I carry a 939 on the Senate floor, the diversity is
- 26 far greater than I ever anticipated, and that is all the
- 27 various methodologies that we have that -help us in
- 28 reducing waste and how some of them are still

- 1 controversial and some should be encouraged.
- 2 I didn't realize we still had incineration,
- 3 and especially in Los Angeles. I thought we had gotten
- 4 rid of that when I was a little kid. We had to get rid of
- 5 our backyard burners. Long Beach had incineration and is
- 6 fairly successful. I don't say I necessarily recommend
- 7 that for the entire western world, but I think we should
- 8 keep our minds open that in certain areas, under certain
- 9 conditions, maybe it isn't something that should be
- 10 totally universally frowned upon.
- 11 Other things I learned is that we ship out
- 12 to Arizona products which under California laws are toxic,
- 13 but you can ship that out of state and bury it. And I'm
- 14 not saying we should change our California law, but it
- 15 does strike me that our political jurisdictions really
- 16 shouldn't mean too much.
- 17 We are on one planet, and in the long haul,
- 18 2000 years from now when our successors on this planet
- 19 start wondering what we did and how we did it, the fact
- 20 that there was an Arizona-California dividing line is not
- 21 going to mean too terribly much, but it is interesting
- 22 that our regulations are somewhat different.
- 23 And then go back to one other thing. The
- 24 last place I visited was the All American Asphalt Company
- 25 in Irvine, and I learned an awful lot there, not so much
- 26 how they make asphalt, because I won't be able to retain
- 27 that, but I didn't know that in California, the State does
- 28 not allow with much ease the recycling of old roads. Some

- 1 local jurisdictions do that. Every time I thought about
- 2 construction of roads, I think in terms of laying asphalt,
- 3 but hey, what do we do with the old roads once they're
- 4 broken up? For some reason we don't do it, and I think we
- 5 should investigate why because many local jurisdictions do
- 6 do it.
- 7 Of course, the recurring problem is why the
- 8 Department of Transportation, as a sister agency in this
- 9 state but one which causes me in no amount of concern --
- 10 despite the wonderful words the representative of the
- 11 agency had before us a couple of months ago -- why the
- 12 bureaucratic reluctance to use rubberized asphalt. I
- 13 mean, going to the plant just sold me one more time that
- 14 this is a technology and a methodology that ought to be
- 15 encouraged, is safe. r
- 16 Everything that we can do to have
- 17 demonstration projects to inculcate the world with
- 18 education that rubberized asphalt gets rid of tires and
- 19 makes for better roads, I hope once my time on this Board
- 20 is over is one thing that we will have succeeded in making
- 21 the change on.
- 22 That's what I want to share with you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: I thank you, and I know
- 24 that because I attended some of those same places, that
- 25 you wouldn't want to forget the technology with the
- 26 biofilter, which we passed the smell test for those of you
- 27 who may or may not know.
- 28 Paul Relis, former Board member, invited us

- 1 down to see some of the -- really, considerations that you
- 2 spoke about from a local perspective that take place, and
- 3 I do believe -- I think one of the interesting things --
- 4 and I'll let Mr. Jones and Mr. Pennington to follow-up on
- 5 yours.
- 6 I share all of the same concerns, and even
- 7 more so, I believe that going out, we're finally getting
- 8 the messages that now -- it's an interesting dynamic when
- 9 you sit here and talk about quality of programs, as I have
- 10 before you got here, but I know that Mr. Pennington has
- 11 talked about that from when he was here, and Mr. Jones.
- 12 All of a sudden now the Board has become
- 13 the guide for pushing the numbers and not the quality of
- 14 programs, but I think what we're doing is all of a sudden
- 15 everyone is talking quality of program instead of numbers,
- 16 and I think that's probably the best thing we could do.
- 17 If that's our sin, I'll take that sin.
- 18 The other couple of things, as you well
- 19 know, in jurisdictions we were down in Orange County and
- 20 that was a pretty heated discussion down there that a lot
- 21 of cities are having, but that's one where just the citing
- 22 of the particular facilities that we're trying to promote
- 23 become problematic because of local economics. By the
- 24 same token, there are those who are creative in terms of
- 25 how they would like to approach things.
- 26 I also do want to announce that one of the
- 27 things that came out of the Orange County meetings was the
- 28 situation wherein jurisdictions which have been loosely

- 1 identified as host jurisdictions, better known as those
- 2 jurisdictions which have a landfill or a facility within
- 3 their city confines, seem to have been unduly
- 4 disadvantaged by having people deposit waste and then be
- 5 charged against that local host jurisdiction. So
- 6 therefore, there are problems with numbers and those kinds
- 7 of things.
- 8 To that end, I think that there seems to be
- 9 a problem between Los Angeles and Orange County, and it's
- 10 our hope that we bring to the Board sometime this fall a
- 11 general discussion, mainly with regard to host
- 12 jurisdictions and their particular problems, and some of
- 13 the problems that you may have experienced with
- 14 Santa Monica with the daily influx because they have good
- 15 beach weather and what have you, but I think that the host ${\bf r}$
- 16 jurisdiction is problematic for that, and it's something
- 17 we can discuss.
- 18 And so without any further adue,
- 19 Mr. Pennington, anything to report?
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: I don't think I have
- 21 anything to report, but I would like to comment on the
- 22 Senator's remarks, and that is that at least 30 years ago, *
- 23 I was with the Rubber Manufacturers Association, and we
- 24 were working with rubberized asphalt then, lots of tests.
- 25 Arizona was using a lot of it and they're using it in
- 26 Minnesota. And we still seem to be at the same place and
- 27 it's because of things like Caltrans that will not get on
- 28 the ball and start promoting it.

- 1 When I came here a little over four years
- 2 ago, I was hoping that we would be able to stimulate
- 3 through this Board more use of it, and I continue to hope
- 4 that and I hope that when the Senator leaves, he and I
- 5 will appreciate how much rubberized asphalt is being used.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 7 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
- 8 I also attended the meetings in Orange
- 9 County and with you and Mr. Chandler, for part of it with
- 10 the Senator, and there were an awful lot of issues. I
- 11 know we had a impact. There were good things that came
- 12 out of the end of that discussion because of some feedback
- 13 I got from a couple of the people that built the
- 14 infrastructure. Some of the haulers were contacted by
- 15 their cities and wanted to know how much waste was going
- 16 around the infrastructure to help meet AB 939 directly
- 17 from generator to landfill as opposed to how much was
- 18 going through the infrastructure to help those
- 19 jurisdictions meet the goal.
- 20 So if we didn't do anything, we at least
- 21 got the awareness of a couple of cities' elected officials
- 22 in knowing just how important to know that waste does go
- 23 through the appropriate infrastructure. It also helps
- 24 keep costs down when they do that instead of excluding
- 25 part of the cream that could go directly to a landfill.
- 26 More importantly, I had a -- I attended --
- 27 July 12th, 13th and 14th, I was in Long Beach and attended
- 28 the Association of Territory States Waste Management

- 1 Officials conference. This is an organization that works
- 2 directly with U.S. EPA on policy issues that deal with
- 3 both water issues, hazardous waste and municipal solid
- 4 waste.
- 5 Mr. Chandler and I -- I think three, two
- 6 and a half years ago -- attended the conference back in
- 7 Washington D.C. because DTSC had had a very active role in
- 8 that organization and the Waste Board really hadn't. And
- 9 we felt it was time we take a more active role in
- 10 municipal solid waste issues.
- 11 I want to report that Mark De Bie from our
- 12 Permitting Enforcement Branch was one of the organizers of
- 13 that conference and did an absolutely outstanding job,
- 14 represented the State admirably as both an organizer, a
- 15 moderator and, I think, a speech deliverer. But he did a
- 16 great job organizing that, as did Gary Arstein-Kersiake
- 17 from our Information Computer Division.
- 18 That one was particularly fascinating
- 19 because that two- or three-hour presentation was about how
- 20 to use the computer and internet dealing with solid waste
- 21 management issues, and Gary was joined by somebody, I
- 22 think, from Pittsburgh or something, from Pennsylvania or
- 23 something like that, and U.S. EPA.
- 24 One of the goals of this Board was that we
- 25 be considered a national and international leader, and I
- 26 will tell you that for that three hours, we definitely
- 27 were the national leader. We were so far ahead of the
- 28 other presentations, that Gary and his crew needs to take

- 1 an awful lot of pride in what they delivered. And I'm
- 2 sure they're going to get busy getting phone calls from an
- 3 awful lot of states. One of the common themes was all of
- 4 these states log-on to our internet all the time to get
- 5 information on programs, so I want to congratulate them.
- 6 California was well represented. We had
- 7 interesting discussions on the bioreactor, which is what
- 8 the Senator had alluded to, spent quite a bit of time
- 9 talking about that technology and where we need to start
- 10 looking in the future. We talked about a whole host of
- 11 issues that are of concern to the states and the federal
- 12 government, as well as California. It was time well
- 13 spent.
- 14 I think it's important that this Board
- 15 stays involved because if we're the ones giving input to
- 16 U.S. EPA, maybe we can bring a little common sense to
- 17 those things. People in Kansas that are talking about
- 18 composting dead chickens that die in the feed lots and
- 19 that lose 400,000 and 500,000 at a time have a different
- 20 set of issues than California. I'm sure we have our times
- 21 we lose a couple hundred thousand chickens somewhere in
- 22 out agricultural area.
- 23 They don't have an idea of the enormity of
- 24 California. They don't -- they don't understand that what
- 25 goes on here is a balancing act between the appropriate
- 26 amount of environmental protection that helps foster a \$1
- 27 trillion gross state product, and I think the fact that we
- 28 are constantly trying to balance that to attract business,

- 1 to attract people into our state, to keep our gross state
- 2 product moving forward, is something that those states
- 3 don't understand.
- 4 I mean, we can be talking to states that
- 5 have two landfills in the entire state or that bring in
- 6 eight million tons of waste a year. When we start talking
- 7 about the 52 million tons of waste that's generated every
- 8 year and how much is diverted and how much is landfill,
- 9 it's hard for those states to understand the enormity. So
- 10 I think as long as we keep a presence there and keep
- 11 explaining what our issues are and the importance of those
- 12 issues, I think we are in a good position to influence
- 13 where the federal government is going to go on a lot of
- 14 these programs and at least let them understand what
- 15 California sees as an issue.
- 16 So it was a good three days, well spent.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you, Mr. Jones.
- 18 Mr. Chandler.
- 19 MR. CHANDLER: Thank you, Chairman Eaton.
- 20 Good morning, Members. Perhaps as a segway into my first
- 21 area that I would like to review, one theme that we all
- 22 heard loud and clear when we were on our trip earlier this
- 23 month was that if the State of California can't
- 24 demonstrate in the programs it's responsible for adequate
- 25 diversion, adequate buy-and-recycle procurement programs,
- 26 then it's a little difficult to be at the local level and
- 27 hear the State preach about what additional work needs to
- 28 be done through local programs. And I think we can all

- 1 certainly on this Board subscribe to that notion and
- 2 recognize it. With that context, I want to take a few
- 3 moments to highlight our success in the area of State
- 4 agency responsibility and its green building concepts
- 5 involving the Capital area east-end complex.
- 6 As you know, the State Consumer Services
- 7 Agency Secretary Eileen Adams convened a series of
- 8 meetings to significantly raise the bar on all State
- 9 building projects. Our model is the east-end project,
- 10 which we have now a signed letter of understanding from
- 11 the Department of General Services, the California Energy
- 12 Commission and the Department of Health Services and Air
- 13 Resources Board.
- 14 This letter of understanding establishes
- 15 goals and processes to promote green state building
- 16 construction on all new projects, and I believe we have a
- 17 very successful -- have been very successful with respect
- 18 to the east-end complex and feel strongly that Secretary
- 19 Adams has joined the Board in our commitment to advance
- 20 the policy, not only on green building construction, but
- 21 on State Agency buy-recycle programs as well, and
- 22 certainly we'll be moving and doubling our efforts with
- 23 Caltrans in some of the topics we just spoke of.
- 24 I would like to move on and just mention
- 25 the Board's waste characterization study. Some of the
- 26 members will recall that this is an approximate
- 27 half-a-million-dollar effort that we undertook earlier in
- 28 the year. I think it's worth if nothing just a brief

- 1 update of what will really be the first statewide waste
- 2 data collection effort since 1990 to update our data on
- 3 what kinds and amounts of materials are still be discarded
- 4 in California.
- 5 What we find out from the study will
- 6 improve the Board's web site database and also improve
- 7 California's rigid plastic packaging container recycling
- 8 rate. Winter sampling is complete. Summer sampling began
- 9 this month. It should be completed by September. The
- 10 final report is due at the end of this calendar year.
- 11 This report will provide us with statewide
- 12 waste profiles for the residential sector, self-hauled
- 13 waste delivered to disposal facilities, a significant part
- 14 of many jurisdictions waste, and the commercial sector
- 15 with detailed waste profiles for 26 different waste types
- 16 and business generators.
- 17 We expect the resulting body of data will
- 18 be the most extensive waste characterization database in
- 19 the nation and certainly will help the Boards and their
- 20 jurisdictions do a better job of managing that waste. The
- 21 Board will be able to use the data when making policy
- 22 decisions targeting materials in the waste stream where
- 23 regions are currently disposing of such materials.
- 24 Businesses will find the data valuable in
- 25 directly planning their own waste prevention recycling
- 26 programs or identifying potential sources of material for
- 27 recycled content products. Jurisdictions can use the
- 28 collected data to determine which mix of diversion

- 1 programs will help them achieve and maintain mandated
- 2 50-percent diversion rates in lieu of conducting their own
- 3 waste characterization studies. And finally, once
- 4 completed, the entire study will be available on the
- 5 Board's web page.
- 6 And speaking of carrying our message
- 7 electronically, many of you in the audience have probably
- 8 noticed this kiosk of the board room. This kiosk was
- 9 recovered from a used oil grantee in Santa Barbara and was
- 10 refurbished inside and out, and for the past couple of
- 11 months, the kiosk has been available as a public access
- 12 point to the Board's outstanding web site for people doing
- 13 business with the Board.
- 14 Beginning today, staff is taking the next
- 15 step by being the Board's green team electronic-based
- 16 story board, first computerized portal to the Board's web
- 17 site. As you know, the green team is one of the Board's
- 18 priority area teams charged with focused reduction in
- 19 organic material.
- 20 I asked each priority team to develop a
- 21 story board to depict the progress made in their area, and
- 22 the green team has been working for nearly a year to brick
- 23 this story board to fruition. The portal to the green
- 24 team's board is an animated graphic representation of the
- 25 organic system created by Christine Valensa, the graphic
- 26 recorder for our 21st century and this year, and through
- 27 it, it's then possible to obtain information on the green
- 28 team's targets by clicking on different areas of the

- 1 organic system. Most of the content of the story board
- 2 will be available to staff at their desks and to the
- 3 public through the internet.
- 4 The kiosk also has the flexibility to
- 5 promote the Board's other programs with the development of
- 6 additional customized portals linked to those portions of
- 7 the Board's web site.
- 8 And finally, the green team and staff of
- 9 the organic materials management section, our information
- 10 management branch and graphic services are to be
- 11 congratulated on their collaboration to this effort and
- 12 making the road a future reality. I encourage the
- 13 audience to stop by the kiosk during the course of this
- 14 Board meeting.
- 15 More internal to the workings of the Board,
- 16 formation of the new Special Waste Division remains on
- 17 track. Also, Dan transferred me to this new division and
- 18 he notified me the Special Waste Division will be
- 19 functioning as of August 1st. As you know, this division
- 20 consolidates the tire, oil, and household hazardous waste
- 21 programs here at the Board. The tire branch will be
- 22 housed in the building currently occupied by the
- 23 Permitting and Enforcement Division. The oil and
- 24 household hazardous waste branches will remain in their
- 25 current location on the second floor, and so far, this
- 26 transition has been smooth, and I don't anticipate any
- 27 problems.
- 28 My last comment is our upcoming LEA

- 1 conference. It's entitled "Practicing Partnership," the
- 2 theme for the upcoming third annual LEA-CIWMB conference.
- 3 Over 200 attendees are expected to participate in
- 4 scheduled training, problem solving and the networking
- 5 activities, when the conference is held from August 25th
- 6 to the 27th in the Granlibakkan Conference Center near
- 7 Tahoe City.
- 8 The conference is part of the Partnership
- 9 2000 effort aimed at improving the working relationship
- 10 with the partners and the partnership between the Board
- 11 and LEA5. I would like to just mention that Chairman
- 12 Eaton will give a dinner speech on Wednesday, August 25th,
- 13 and Board Member Jones and Don Dier will discuss Operator
- 14 Certification matters from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on
- 15 Thursday, August 26th. The Board and the California
- 16 Conference of Directors for Environmental Health are
- 17 sponsoring the event, and that concludes my report.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions?
- 20 Mr. Chandler.
- 21 MR. CHANDLER: One other notice I would
- 22 like to mention. Next month our Board meeting will be
- 23 held in Quincy, California. For those of you who may not
- 24 be familiar with Quincy, it's sort of located northwest of
- 25 here, and I think it's an opportunity for us, I believe --
- 26 and I don't want to go too far out -- but it's the first
- 27 time we've ventured that way. And Mr. Pennington, while
- 28 he was setting the agenda, commend his efforts for all of

- 1 us going up there the first time and looking at it.
- 2 I think it's going to be a beneficial
- 3 opportunity for all of us to view different kinds of
- 4 landscape and different kinds of problems. For those of
- 5 you who may plan on attending next month's meeting, it
- 6 will be up in Quincy. If the weather is hot here, it's
- 7 always cool in Quincy, I'm told, except that you should be
- 8 aware that the U.S. Forest Service has issued their report
- 9 regarding the U.S. Forest Service use of lands up there
- 10 during about the same time. You may want to avoid that
- 11 part of the agenda.
- 12 You know, there's been a lot of information
- 13 said about education this year. Our Governor has taken
- 14 the lead in promoting education throughout California.
- 15 This Board in the past has always given heavy emphasis to r
- 16 the education component of its programs. This morning, we
- 17 are fortunate enough to have a presentation about one
- 18 group's efforts in a partnership with the public entity to
- 19 bring the issue of education as it relates to
- 20 reduce-reuse-recycle, as well as waste manage, to the
- 21 people and to the young people of our great state.
- 22 With that, I'd like to turn to over to Mike
- 23 Mohajer who will then take us through one of the more
- 24 unique, perhaps, in the State and one of the more
- 25 successful ones. Mr. Mohajer, welcome and turn it over
- 26 to you. Thank you.
- 27 MIKE MOHAJER: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
- 28 Members of the Board, good morning. For the record, my

- 1 name is Mike Mohajer of the Los Angeles County Department
- 2 of Public Works.
- 3 Today I'm here before you to do a
- 4 presentation on our solid waste educational programs. We
- 5 believe that these programs are essential to succeed in
- 6 our waste reduction efforts, and therefore, our Department
- 7 of Public Works has been allocating between \$4 million to
- 8 \$5 million annually during the past several years,
- 9 implementing valuable public education programs. As
- 10 Senator Roberti indicated, it is very difficult to measure
- 11 diversion, but the results are going to be shown a few
- 12 years from now.
- 13 Two of our public education programs
- 14 address specifically our youth, since we have a great
- 15 faith and confidence that their power will generate
- 16 change. Generation Earth is one of our school programs
- 17 that is focussed toward teenage population, and the other
- 18 program that we have for public education is known as our
- 19 Mental Defenders, which addresses K-6.
- 20 The Generation Earth program has made
- 21 significant progress, and we are encouraged at how they
- 22 have been able to interact with teens on a county-wide
- 23 basis.
- 24 I want to thank you again for giving us
- 25 this opportunity to be in front of you, and I'm going to
- 26 turn it over to the program manager, Mr. Abby Ybarra. All
- 27 yours.
- 28 ABBY YBARRA: Thank you, Mike, and I want

- 1 to thank the Board for allowing us to be here.
- 2 As Mike mentioned, we are being focussed on
- 3 the teenage population, and in Los Angeles, a county of 10
- 4 million people, there are over a million and a half
- 5 students in the schools. So the County has made a
- S commitment. I congratulate them.
- 7 My name is Ed Ybarra. I work for Tree
- 8 People, a private entity. I'm happy to see a government
- 9 agency making such a commitment, and with me today are two
- 10 students. Our third student had a family emergency. She
- 11 couldn't be here. They are just representatives of the
- 12 thousands and thousands of teenagers that we have engaged
- 13 in Los Angeles, and I just want to be very brief before I
- 14 allow them to speak.
- 15 We had one school, for example, a middle r
- 16 school in Northridge, California. We had a solid waste
- 17 reduction contest held in partnership with a local radio
- 18 station, teen station, and the winning school who could
- 19 reduce the most waste was going to get a free dance put on
- 20 by KIIS-FM, Rick Dees's radio station as everyone knows,
- 21 and Nobel Middle School was able to reduce their Dumpsters
- 22 from 18 Dumpsters down to three Dumpsters over an
- 23 eight-week period.
- 24 We know when teenagers get turned on with a
- 25 subject they can make a difference. That's just one prime
- 26 example of what we've been able to do engaging teens in a
- 27 lot of different ways, using information that we glean
- 28 from what advertisers do, making their message work for

- 1 teens. Instead of selling them stuff, we're selling
- 2 information they can use the rest of their lives, and
- 3 hopefully better lives in Los Angeles County.
- 4 With that, I would like to welcome Nichole
- 5 Munoz.
- 6 NICHOLE MUNOZ: Good morning. My name is
- 7 Nichole Munoz, and I'm a student at Scher High School in
- 8 Montebello. We're here to represent our peers of active
- 9 participants in Generation Earth and other programs which
- 10 encourages students to take personal responsibility for
- 11 their urban environment.
- 12 We want to participate as students in
- 13 making a positive change in the neighborhoods that we live
- 14 in. As a member of the Western San Gabriel Valley Boys
- 15 and Girls Club for six years, I have participated in many
- 16 various groups and clubs that have helped improve and
- 17 brighten our community.
- 18 As Vice President of Keystone, a community
- 19 service leadership club, we participate each year in an
- 20 activity called Christmas in April. It allows us to fix
- 21 up elderly citizens' homes and beautify the neighborhood.
- 22 In my participation in Generation Earth, I
- 23 have seen how other schools have changed their old habits
- 24 and now recycle most of the things they used to throw
- 25 away. This makes me strongly want to start a program at
- 26 both my school and the Boys and Girls Club. I feel this
- 27 will also teach the youth at the Boys and Girls Club that
- 28 recycling is important.

- 1 The reason I'm here to share this
- 2 information with you is to give you a living example of
- 3 why it is so important to get local, county and state
- 4 governments to continue to support programs such as
- 5 Generation Earth, which works to encourage students to
- 6 learn about the issues related to the Los Angeles waste
- 7 management.
- 8 Generation Earth gives us the motivation
- 9 and the support we need to develop our own plans and
- 10 solutions and then make those plans happen. Generation
- 11 Earth continues to be an essential part of the education
- 12 of youth on waste reduction, while fostering a committed
- 13 generation on the management of waste.
- 14 We would like to see continued emphasis
- 15 placed on education and encouraging young people, like r
- 16 ourselves, to participate in discussions regarding public
- 17 policies because we are subject to them just like everyone
- 18 else.
- 19 I would like to end with a quote from a
- 20 student who participated in one of the Generation Earth
- 21 youth programs. "Something I learned that I really want
- 22 to remember is that we, as teenagers, can make a
- 23 difference. I'm not going to limit myself in what I can
- 24 do to change the community or school. I will know and
- 25 feel that I can make a change."
- 26 Thank you.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you. Any comments?
- 28 CARLOS NAVAS: Hi. My name is Carlos

- 1 Navas from Leuzinger High School in Lawndale.
- 2 Generation Earth held a series of
- 3 conferences, some of which dealt specifically with
- 4 students and AB 939. During the Generation Earth
- 5 conference, teams of students from 7th through 12th grade
- 6 took the time to relearn about what AB 939 is all about,
- 7 to be able to discuss it together, ultimately coming up
- 8 with a set of recommendations for possible future
- 9 amendments to this bill. Also, we identified a set of
- 10 recommendations to help implement this bill.
- 11 I would like to briefly review what my
- 12 peers had to say on the issues. What we did at Leuzinger
- 13 High school was a trash analysis exercise, and this
- 14 exercise required students to carry and collect the trash
- 15 for a period of one week.
- 16 Students then brought the trash with them
- 17 to the first session of the conference. This was where
- 18 Generation Earth walked us through a general analysis of
- 19 the material they had collected. As a result of this
- 20 exercise, my peers learned how much of what they throw
- 21 away is in fact recyclable and reusable. They also
- 22 learned to reduce what they used to minimize what they had
- 23 to carry through the exercise.
- 24 The trash analysis workshop helped us build
- 25 the notion that trash is thrown away while showing how
- 26 little really needs to be thrown away. It was a unique
- 27 exercise which focussed the capability of reducing and the
- 28 power of choice upon the students. As a result, students

- 1 came up with a set of recommendations that they wanted to
- 2 present to you, the Waste Management Board, to amend AB
- 3 939 and help us, as Californians, reach the 50 percent
- 4 diversion goal.
- 5 In the book we handed out, you will find my
- 6 peers' analysis of AB 939. I know we don't have any time
- 7 to review it this moment, but we have included it for you
- 8 to read at your convenience.
- 9 In terms of the possible amendments, we, as
- 10 students, want to suggest following: We unanimously
- 11 decided that the most important point was to change the
- 12 status of AB 939 so that no one would be exempt from the
- 13 law. The only way that it's possible for us to meet our
- 14 goal is for everyone to participate. It should be
- 15 mandatory for all to recycle, wherever possible, and r
- 16 reduce their output in general.
- 17 We wanted to see more money given to public
- 18 advertisements and education around the importance of
- 19 wasting less, throwing less away and getting better habits
- 20 regarding recycling and other issues. We have to keep
- 21 getting the message out to the people. We thought it
- 22 would be good if the recycling companies could pay more
- 23 for their recycled goods collected, encouraging people to
- 24 return reusable items to them. We want to see more
- 25 recycling centers built which are closer to our homes in
- 26 our communities.
- 27 We, as students, want to find a way to
- 28 integrate recycling and composting through school

- 1 cafeteria systems because cafeterias generate 70 percent
- 2 of the waste on school campuses.
- 3 Finally, we want to see that there are
- 4 educational programs developed to teach youth about
- 5 keeping the Earth clean.
- 6 Thank you for your time and the opportunity
- 7 to present our ideas.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you.
- 9 ABBY YBARRA: In closing, I would also just
- 10 like to thank the Waste Board. One of the -- part of the
- 11 curriculum that we created for Generation Earth, we used a
- 12 lot of your information. So some of the best information
- 13 comes from the State, and in our -- this is a curriculum
- 14 guide for teachers. Your name is in our appendix. We
- 15 give you great credit for California Integrated Waste
- 16 Management Board, and share with everyone -- no need to
- 17 reinvent the wheel, but the education has been the
- 18 cornerstone.
- 19 We do a lot of things in the media. We do
- 20 a lot of teenagers with radio stations, places where they
- 21 hang out and understand where they can communicate with
- 22 each other, but the cornerstone has always been our
- 23 classroom education program. I thank you, the Board,
- 24 because the information that we use and a lot of teachers
- 25 use, in the coming years there's a lot of growing emphasis
- 26 on community service and service learning projects, as
- 27 well as environmental education projects.
- 28 That is a new energy push that's happening

- 1 in the schools as the curriculum shifts around, and we
- 2 know everybody is going to standards. There is a lot of
- 3 effort being made on the behalf of the California
- 4 Department of Education, the Integrated Waste Management
- 5 Board, and a lot of folks up and down the state to make
- 6 this education fit the new standards. It's not something
- 7 extra, it's part of the regular curriculum.
- 8 These students here are just an example of
- 9 the many thousands of students that we have met and
- 10 engaged with and hopefully change their lives and make a
- 11 difference in their behavioral patterns that hopefully
- 12 have a better state or for our lives in the future.
- 13 I want to thank you again and if you have
- 14 any questions, I'll be happy to answer them.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti.
- 16 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman, just an
- 17 observation based on Mr. Ybarra's and the two young
- 18 students' presentations. That is, anything that we can
- 19 continue to do to encourage environmental education
- 20 certainly should continue to be at the top of this Board's
- 21 considerations. The surest way to reeducate adults is to
- 22 educate their kids first. It works almost every time.
- 23 To the extent that we have these programs
- 24 and operations such as Generation Earth, I guess the best
- 25 I can say is we should encourage them and do more than
- 26 we're doing now.
- 27 Thank you, Mr. Ybarra and the young people,
- 28 for coming here.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 2 MR. JONES: Thanks, Mr. Chairman.
- 3 I want to thank you for coming in and the
- 4 students for coming because I think that it -- I'm the one
- 5 on the seat. He wrote the bill, he fought to make sure it
- 6 got passed. Dan was always working within industry and I
- 7 was the one that was picking up the stuff.
- 8 (Laughter)
- 9 MR. JONES: The fact that you hit this on
- 10 the head I think is critical because -- I think the one
- 11 thing this Waste Board always did that was important, back
- 12 in 1990, was started an educational program with the
- 13 schools. Because I talk to people all the time and tell
- 14 them that City Council members that are 26 years old were
- 15 16 when this bill was passed and may not understand what
- 16 was driving it.
- 17 These folks, when they start in life -- I
- 18 mean in the working world -- and take public office and
- 19 those types of things, will have had an educational
- 20 background that makes all this very clear to them as to
- 21 why we have to do it. I just hope that part of your
- 22 program is to insist on buying products that are made with
- 23 recycled content. Because we can collect all we want. If
- 24 we don't have people demanding products made with the
- 25 recycled content, then this system failed.
- 26 ABBY YBARRA: The students, they engage us
- 27 as well. We go in -- a lot of times -- we didn't print
- 28 on the brochures or anything that this was printed on

- 1 recycled stock, and they would ask, "Hey, what's this done
- 2 on?"
- 3 MR. JONES: That's good. Keep them in
- 4 line. Well, congratulations and thanks for taking the
- 5 time to do this. This is important, important stuff.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 MIKE MOHAJER: One other item, I would like
- 8 to also emphasize that we forgot to mention. As a part of
- 9 our program, we also address the illegal dumping problems.
- 10 So that is every time that we go to school, that item has
- 11 been a concern.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you, Mr. Mohajer,
- 13 for your support. Mr. Ybarra and to all the students
- 14 here, I hope you will stick around as long as you can
- 15 today and watch some of the things that we do as a board.
- 16 And don't stop fighting. One of the problems we have --
- 17 and here's another problem. You've given us a lot to
- 18 think about. I would like to just give you a further
- 19 challenge.
- 20 One of the things that we have continually
- 21 had a problem with here, you may not have understood all
- 22 of the nuances, but local school districts continue, as
- 23 you mention the word "exemption," local school districts
- 24 continue to be a problem for all of us here in not wanting
- 25 to participate with local jurisdictions on recycling
- 26 programs.
- 27 Hopefully you'll turn your efforts to local
- 28 school boards and boards of education. I know you will

- 1 because the presentation you made here -- if you make that
- 2 same presentation you made here, I can't see how they
- 3 would ever, ever not do us right.
- 4 I thank you. And will you do me one other
- 5 favor?
- 6 ABBY YBARRA: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRMAN EATON: Please say hello to Andy
- 8 Lipkis who, 20 years ago, got me to go out in some canyon
- 9 in the Santa Monica mountains and plant trees. I never
- 10 thought he would be wearing a tie and operating a program.
- 11 (Laughter)
- 12 ABBY YBARRA: He's changed quite a bit.
- 13 After this we're going to meet with some of your staff so
- 14 the students can see some of the recycling products that
- 15 have been generated as a result of recycling. One of the
- 16 focuses that we had in this -- and I had this last comment
- 17 here I want to add. We added one last "R" to the
- 18 reduce-reuse-recycle. We tell the students to "rethink"
- 19 and think about the way -- it's time to rethink the way we
- 20 approach our lives, and then -- we emphasize recycle, but
- 21 we told them it's time to rethink the way we live, and
- 22 that's the challenge for the students, and they're rising
- 23 to the occasion.
- 24 So thank you, again.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you.
- 26 (Applause)
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Thank you,
- 28 ladies and gentlemen.

- 1 Next we have continued business agenda
- 2 items. The RPPC item, I understand there will be some
- 3 decisions made shortly regarding the FTC. Without
- 4 objection, I would like to move to continue that until the
- 5 next business meeting.
- 6 Hearing no objection, so shall be ordered.
- 7 Now move to the consent calendar. There
- 8 are five items today proposed for consent calendar, Items
- 9 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23. I'll repeat those one more time.
- 10 17, 18, 19, 20, and 23. Would any of the Board members
- 11 like any of those pulled off the consent calendar?
- 12 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- 14 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of the
- 15 consent calendar.
- MR. JONES: Seconded.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington moves,
- 18 Mr. Jones seconds that we adopt the consent calendar.
- 19 Madam Secretary, will you please call the role.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 22 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 25 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 26 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 28 Moving to new business, we have a few

- 1 items that have been pulled from this Board meeting's
- 2 agenda, Items 37, 38 and 39.
- 3 With that, we will move to item Number 2 on
- 4 our regular Board business. In addition, just for those
- 5 of you who may be here late in the afternoon, at
- 6 approximately 3:00 p.m. we will hear the Safety-Kleen's AB
- 7 59 appeal at a time certain. That will be at 3:00 p.m.
- 8 I'm sorry. Thank you for your indulgence. Item Number 2.
- 9 JULIE NAUMAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
- 10 and Members. My name is Julie Nauman, Deputy Director of
- 11 the Permitting and Enforcement Division.
- 12 Just by way of introduction, we have ten
- 13 waste facility permits for you this morning. In addition,
- 14 we have two tire permits.
- 15 We'll take the ten Solid Waste Facility
- 16 Permits first. Just to note that five of those are from
- 17 San Bernardino County, Items 7 through 11, and we will
- 18 attempt to consolidate our presentation on those,
- 19 highlighting the similarities and differences between and
- 20 among them, but tend to take them as a package.
- 21 Just let me also point out that six of the
- 22 permit items that you have before you this morning do
- 23 raise the issue of conformance with the County's
- 24 Integrated Solid Waste Management plan. The Office of
- 25 Local Assistance has reviewed each of these for us, and
- 26 staff is here and available to answer any questions you
- 27 may have.
- 28 In an effort to expedite your consideration

- 1 of those particular items, we have prepared the
- 2 Resolutions in a manner consistent with the language that
- 3 you've utilized in the past so that the language refers to
- 4 the -- is based on the intent of the Integrated Waste
- 5 Management plan to provide 15-year capacity.
- 6 So as you look at each of those, hopefully
- 7 the way we structured the Resolution will assist you. So
- 8 with that, I'll ask staff to run a presentation of
- 9 individual items beginning with Item 2.
- 10 BEATRICE POROLI: Good morning. Beatrice
- 11 Poroli with the Permit Inspection Branch. This item
- 12 regards the consideration of a new Solid Waste Facility
- 13 Permit for the Davis Waste Removal Refuse Transfer Station
- 14 in Yolo County. The proposed facility will be owned and
- 15 operated by Davis Waste Removal Refuse, Incorporated.
- 16 The proposed permit is for the operation of
- 17 a new, large volume transfer processing facility to be
- 18 located on 14.69 acres. The proposed facility will
- 19 receive a maximum of 250 tons per day of non-hazardous
- 20 solid waste from Davis Waste Removal collection vehicles
- 21 only. Staff reviewed the proposed permit and supporting
- 22 documentation and have found them to meet all of the
- 23 requirements to meet page 2-3 this item and acceptable for
- 24 consideration by the Board.
- 25 In conclusion, staff recommends that the
- 26 Board adopt Resolution Number 1999-314 concurrent in the
- 27 issuance of Solid Waste Facility Permit Number 57-AA-0030.
- 28 Mr. Doug Tendall, representing the Local Enforcement

- 1 Agency, and Paul Geisler are present to answer any
- 2 questions you may have.
- 3 This concludes staff's presentation.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions?
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 6 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 7 CHAIRMAN EATON: It's a tie. Tie goes
- 8 to --
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of
- 10 Resolution 1999-314.
- 11 MR. JONES: I'd like to second it.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington moves and
- 13 Mr. Jones seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-314.
- 14 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 17 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 18 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 19 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 20 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 21 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 23 And Number 3.
- 24 REINHARD HOHLWEIN: Good morning,
- 25 Mr. Chairman and Board Members. My name is Reinhard
- 26 Hohlwein with the Permitting and Inspection Branch.
- 27 Item 3 is consideration of the Revised
- 28 Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Weaverville Transfer

- 1 Station and Landfill in Trinity County. The facility is
- 2 currently permitted only as a landfill and is owned and
- 3 operated by Trinity County General Services. The operator
- 4 is here today to answer any possible questions.
- 5 After the issuance of a revised permit, the
- 6 facility will be using a transfer station for the majority
- 7 of the waste that will be handled by the site, municipal
- 8 solid waste. Waste handled by that transfer station will
- 9 be transported to Shasta County and disposed of in
- 10 Anderson Landfill. The Weaverville Landfill will remain
- 11 open only to accept construction and demolition waste as
- 12 well as inert materials such as debris from landslides
- 13 that necessitate road closures in the County.
- 14 The revised permit will acknowledge the
- 15 construction of the transfer station at the landfill to r
- 16 handle and transfer all municipal solid waste collected in
- 17 Trinity County to Shasta County. It will establish the
- 18 maximum daily allowable tonnage of 45 tons per day. The
- 19 average the site receives is about 15 to 20 tons per day.
- 20 The previous permit did not identify a
- 21 maximum, so this will be the first permit that does have a
- 22 maximum figure for this site and changes the estimated
- 23 closure date of the landfill to 2050 if only inert waste
- 24 are disposed at the proposed rate of 15 tons per day.
- 25 It will establish the cell that will be
- 26 only used for inerts such as construction and demolition
- 27 debris and establish a more sophisticated recycling
- 28 drop-off center at the facility.

- 1 The permit will not change the maximum
- 2 height of the landfill, the operating hours, or the types
- 3 of waste received or the current disposal footprint.
- 4 There were some outstanding issues with the
- 5 conformance findings. With any information you might need
- 6 on that and barring any questions on that, we recommend
- 7 the adoption of Resolution 1999-315 and concur in the
- 8 issuance of Permit 51-AA-0013.
- 9 Do we have any questions?
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions of staff?
- 11 MR. JONES: Just one. The inerts that are
- 12 going to go in the landfill are going to pay the \$1.34
- 13 surcharge?
- 14 REINHARD HOHLWEIN: The operator has
- 15 assured me they will.
- 16 MR. JONES: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Board Members, that I
- 18 interrupt during the presentation, I apologize. In going
- 19 through the Board packet, I noticed that there is a kind
- 20 of "check-the-box" exercise they've asked us to engage in.
- 21 So Ms. Tobias, would you like us to, once the motion is
- 22 present, that the motion include the checked boxes, or
- 23 would you like that done at the conclusion?
- 24 MS. TOBIAS: If I could add to that
- 25 explanation, if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Sure.
- 27 MS. TOBIAS: On the Resolutions, what we're
- 28 trying to do is where staff -- for example, in the

- 1 Permitting agenda today -- where staff has not yet had the
- 2 opportunity to complete their review, such as on
- 3 conformance findings or CEQA findings prior to the time
- 4 the item comes to the Board, staff is suggesting that they
- S present to you this Resolution, which as you said has a
- 6 check-the-box section.
- 7 So what the public might expect to see
- 8 there is the "whereas" clause that says the Board finds
- 9 the proposed permit either is or is not consistent with
- 10 the California Environmental Quality Act, and the same for
- 11 conformance, whereas the Board finds that the proposed
- 12 permit is or is not in conformance with the intent of the
- 13 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting
- 14 Element.
- 15 So when Board Members make their motions, I r
- 16 think it would be most helpful if they could try to use
- 17 the Resolution line when they make their motion.
- 18 Basically say, "I make a motion that the Board concur in
- 19 the issuance of Solid Waste Facility Permit" whatever, and
- 20 that the staff has found that the proposed permit is
- 21 consistent and is in conformance.
- 22 Now, if the Board is denying a permit on
- 23 that, we will probably have a little bit more discussion
- 24 on that. That's not my understanding of items today.
- 25 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 27 MR. JONES: I would like to move adoption
- 28 of Resolution 1999-315 and include that the Board finds

- 1 the proposed permit is consistent with CEQA; the Board finds the
- 2 proposed permit is in conformance with the intent of the CIWMB
- 3 Siting element to provide 15 years' disposal capacity; whereas,
- 4 the Board finds that all state and local requirements for the
- 5 proposed permit have been met; now, therefore, be it resolved
- 6 that the Waste Board concurs in the issuance of Solid Waste
- 7 Facility Permit 53-AA-013.
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second it.
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones moves and Mr. Pennington
- 11 seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-315 as proposed by Mr.
- 12 Jones.
- 13 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 16 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 18 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 19 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 22 Number 4.
- 23 REINHARD HOHLWEIN: My name is Reinhard
- 24 Hohlwein. Item 4 is the consideration of a Revised Solid
- 25 Waste Facility Permit for the Anderson Landfill in Shasta
- 26 County. This proposed revision is a revision of the 1991
- 27 Solid Waste Facility Permit to address and acknowledge the
- 28 following operational changes that occurred: Change in

- 1 owner and operator from Republic Industries to Waste
- 2 Management, Inc. That includes a land name change from
- 3 Anderson Solid Waste Inc. to Anderson Landfill; the
- 4 identification of two significant waste types. Hazardous
- 5 and non-hazardous asbestos containing waste will be
- 6 allowed and regulated by the Solid Waste Facility Permit.
- 7 In the past, the facility accepted asbestos containing
- 8 waste but was not regulated by our permit, and that is now
- 9 required by the California Code of Regulations as being
- 10 incorporated into this permit.
- 11 Also a waste tire monofill will be included
- 12 in the permit. I've been informed that monofill will be
- 13 inactive and stay inactive. They sold their tire shredder
- 14 last week, but if you have any questions, the operator is
- 15 here and you can discuss that. The tire monofill was
- 16 sanctioned by Conditional Use Permit issued by Shasta
- 17 County in 1995. An updated copy of the permit was
- 18 received from the LEA after briefing and is included in
- 19 your agenda packet.
- 20 This proposed permit does not change the
- 21 permitted maximum tonnage from 1850 tons per day. Today,
- 22 the average is quite low at 250 tons per day. The maximum
- 23 height of the landfill will not change, the hours of
- 24 operation will not change, and the disposal footprint will
- 25 not change.
- 26 Issues found during the inspection resulted
- 27 in a gas leak, and we reviewed that information and it's
- 28 been resolved. CEQA issues have been clarified and

- 1 resolved and are now satisfactory for the Board to take
- 2 action on the permit. There's a minor issue on
- 3 conformance, and Zane can talk about that if you like.
- 4 Outside of that, staff recommends the Board
- 5 adopt Resolution 1999-316 and concur in the issuance of
- 6 Permit 45-AA-0020.
- 7 Are there any questions?
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions of staff?
- 9 MR. JONES: I think I checked with closure
- 10 staff. This is going to be a waste management facility,
- 11 but the mechanism for post-closure is Frontier Pacific
- 12 Bonds.
- 13 REINHARD HOHLWEIN: Correct, not CAFLA.
- 14 Correct.
- 15 MR. JONES: Okay.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any other questions?
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- 19 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll throw my hand at
- 20 filling in the blanks. I'll move adoption of Resolution
- 21 1999-316; and the Board finds the proposed permit is
- 22 consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act;
- 23 the proposed permit is in conformance with the Countywide
- 24 Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting Element; and
- 25 requirements for the purpose of the permit have been met;
- 26 and that we concur in the issuance of the permit.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Second the motion.
- 28 Mr. Pennington moves and Mr. Eaton seconds

- 1 we adopt Resolution 1999-316 and concurrence of Solid
- 2 Waste Facility Permit 45-AA-0020.
- 3 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 5 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 9 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 10 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 12 Mr. Jones.
- MR. JONES: Just one question.
- 14 CHAIRMAN EATON: Sure.
- MR. JONES: The monofill is 50 feet deep
- 16 and we're going to be working on monofill regs. Now,
- 17 they've said they're going to leave it inactive. Is there
- 18 something that is going -- if they decide to reactivate,
- 19 is there something that's going to trigger them getting
- 20 back to you or can they do it automatically?
- 21 REINHARD HOHLWEIN: Would you like to have
- 22 the operator to speak to that, because I would be
- 23 speculating.
- MR. JONES: I think I need to.
- 25 RICH THOMSON: Chairman Eaton, Members of
- 26 the Board, my name is Rich Thomson. I'm the Compliance
- 27 Manager of Waste Management's western area, and we have
- 28 had an opportunity to review the draft regulations as they

- 1 have been put on your internet site. I agree, your
- 2 internet site is one of the best available.
- 3 We will participate in the comment period,
- 4 but our proposal would be to comply with your regulations
- 5 when they come in place, but we will participate in the 6 process.
- 7 MR. JONES: And this is inactive right now
- 8 as this type of monofill? Are you going to notify the
- 9 LEA -- are you required to notify the LEA before you
- 10 activate that monofill again?
- 11 RICH THOMSON: Yes. We'll be going through
- 12 local Conditional Use Permit process next year. If we do
- 13 activate that tire monofill, we will go through their
- 14 process first and come back to the Board.
- MR. JONES: Thank you very much.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you.
- 17 Next item.
- 18 DAVID OTSUBO: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
- 19 Members of the Board. Item number 5 regards the issuance
- 20 of a Revised Solid Waste Facilities Permit for the Mecca
- 21 II Landfill located near the Salton Sea in the County of
- 22 Riverside.
- 23 The site is currently operating under a
- 24 permit issued in 1992. The revised permit's major changes
- 25 would allow the site to increase permitted maximum daily
- 26 tonnage from 50 tons per day to 400 tons per day. It also
- 27 places a disposal acreage limit of 26.9 acres on the site.
- 28 At the time the item went to print, the

- 1 pre-permit inspection had not been conducted. On July
- 2 14th, Board staff, in conjunction with the LEA inspected
- 3 the site and found no violations of State Minimum
- 4 Standards. There was a violation of Public Resources
- 5 Permit for being over tonnage. However, this will be
- 6 corrected by the issuance of the proposed permit.
- 7 All the other necessary findings are in
- 8 order except for the finding of conformance with the
- 9 County Plan. If you would like, Zane Poulson of the
- 10 Office of Local Assistance Team can speak to that issue.
- 11 Also, Leslie Likens, a Planner with the County Waste
- 12 Management Department, is present in the audience.
- 13 Otherwise, staff would recommend that you
- 14 concur in the issuance of this permit and adopt Permit
- 15 Decision 99-317.
- 16 This concludes staff's presentation.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: I just have a couple of
- 18 quick questions.
- 19 The daily permitted tonnage is going to go
- 20 from 50 tons to 400; correct?
- 21 DAVID OTSUBO: Correct.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: Is there a particular
- 23 waste treatment that's an increase down there? The other
- 24 situation is that the permitted disposal footprint was
- 25 reduced from 53 to 26. So you're going to do more and go
- 26 higher?
- 27 DAVID OTSUBO: The LEA can speak to the
- 28 waste treatment -- actually, the permitted maximum height

- 1 is 70 feet. The current permit remains 70 feet.
- 2 LORI HOGUE: Lori Hogue, Riverside County
- 3 LEA.
- 4 The reason for the increase in tonnage is
- 5 the Oasis landfill, which was adjacent to it, is now only
- 6 open two days a year, and so this is picking up from that
- 7 other landfill.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay.
- 9 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones. Thank you.
- 11 MR. JONES: I would like to move adoption
- 12 of Resolution 1999-317 and whereas -- okay -- for
- 13 consideration of a Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for
- 14 the Mecca II Landfill in Riverside County and make sure --
- 15 to determine that whereas, the most recent Joint Waste
- 16 Board/LEA conducted inspection on July 14th documented no
- 17 violations; whereas, the Board finds the proposed permit
- 18 is consistent with the standards; and Board finds proposed
- 19 permit is in conformance with the California Integrated
- 20 Waste Management Siting Plan; therefore, be it resolved
- 21 the California Integrated Waste Management Board concurs
- 22 with the issuance of Solid Waste Facility Permit Number
- 23 33-AA-0071.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Seconded.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. Mr. Pennington and
- 26 Mr. Jones, if you could kind of withdraw your motion for
- 27 the time being.
- 28 In your explanation, you stated that the

- 1 Board finds proposed permit is in conformance with the
- 2 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, and Senator
- 3 Roberti has raised a number of issues with regard to the
- 4 conformance issue and we have not resolved that.
- 5 If you remember, there is a paragraph here
- 6 that deals with the intent issue, and I would --
- 7 Ms. Nauman, if you would talk about that issue. And as we
- 8 go through what has taken place, my understanding is that
- 9 while the Board, as you know, has to be prepared well,
- 10 well, well in advance, that there is a Paragraph A which
- 11 deals with the intent to conform while we work on that
- 12 issue with regard to the Siting Element.
- 13 I think that was -- I wanted to make sure
- 14 that we were consistent, when I know you've raised that
- 15 point in the past. r
- 16 SENATOR ROBERTI: Thank you for catching
- 17 that, Mr. Chairman. You're absolutely right. I guess we
- 18 have a proposed -
- MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 20 SENATOR ROBERTI: -- other resolution.
- 21 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 23 MR. JONES: Can I amend my resolution to
- 24 include -- I noticed it as I was reading it.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: I saw you stutter.
- MR. JONES: I did because it was the first
- 27 one that didn't have this. The "whereas" on the
- 28 conformance finding should read, "Whereas, the Board finds

- 1 the proposed permit is in conformance with the intent of
- 2 the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plans Siting
- 3 Element to provide 15 years of disposal for the County."
- 4 MR. PENNINGTON: Seconded.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you, gentlemen.
- 6 Mr. Jones moves and Mr. Pennington seconds
- 7 that we adopt Resolution 1999-317.
- 8 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 9 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 10 MR. JONES: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 13 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 14 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 15 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 17 Item number 6.
- 18 TAIDESE GEBREHAWARIAT: Good morning.
- 19 Item Number 6 regards the consideration of
- 20 a Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for Sycamore
- 21 Sanitary Landfill in the County of San Diego. As I begin
- 22 my presentation, I would like to report that also
- 23 Ms. Rebecca Lavinier with the City of San Diego Local
- 24 Enforcement Agency and Mr. Mike Kaiser, the Regional
- 25 Engineer for Allied Waste Systems, they are here to
- 26 address any questions that the Board Members may have on
- 27 the proposed permit.
- 28 The Sycamore Landfill is owned and operated

- 1 by Sycamore Landfill, Inc. and Allied Waste Industries
- 2 Company. The proposed revised permit is to allow an
- 3 increase in the rate of the maximum daily tonnage from
- 4 2,500 to 3,300 tons, with the monthly maximum remaining
- 5 unchanged.
- 6 As is presented in the table on Page 6-3 of
- 7 the agenda item, Board staff has determined that the
- 8 requirements for the proposed permit have been met. Among
- 9 others, the proposed design operation of the facility, as
- 10 described in the submitted Report of Disposal Site
- 11 Information, would allow for a landfill operation in
- 12 compliance with the state minimum standards.
- 13 The scope of the proposed permit is
- 14 consistent with and is supported by the California
- 15 Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, document that was
- 16 prepared for the project. However, staff of the Board's
- 17 Office of Local Assistance did not find that the proposed
- 18 is consistent with the description of the facility in the
- 19 San Diego County's Siting Element. Mr. Zane Poulson is
- 20 available to discuss the matters of the Siting Element.
- 21 Otherwise, Board staff recommends that the
- 22 Board adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision Number
- 23 1999-318, concurring with the issuance of Solid Waste
- 24 Facility Permit Number 37-AA-0023.
- 25 This concludes staff's presentation.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions?
- 27 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.

- 1 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of
- 2 Resolution 1999-318 and ask it to read, whereas, the Board
- 3 finds the proposed permit is in conformance with the
- 4 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting Element
- 5 to provide 50 years of disposal capacity; and therefore,
- 6 be it resolved that the California Integrated Waste
- 7 Management Board concurs with the issuance of Solid Waste
- 8 Facility Permit Number 37-AA-0023.
- 9 MR. JONES: I will second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay.
- 11 Mr. Pennington moves and Mr. Jones seconds
- 12 that we adopt Resolution 1999-318.
- 13 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 18 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 19 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: Move to Items 7 through
- 23 11. Ms. Nauman, you mentioned we could take it as a
- 24 cluster.
- JULIE NAUMAN: Yes. We will attempt to
- 26 expedite the presentation by pointing out the similarities
- 27 and the differences. There are some issues we do want to
- 28 make sure we get on the record.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: While we're waiting for
- 2 individuals to come up, after we deal with these five
- 3 items, we'll take a short break and come back.
- 4 DIANNE OHIOSUMUA: Good morning, Board
- 5 Members. My name is Dianne Ohiosumua. I'm here this
- 6 morning representing the Board's Permitting and Inspection
- 7 Branch. Seated at the table in front of me is Mark
- 8 Stevens representing the San Bernardino County Local
- 9 Enforcement Agency. Ron Dare is also here representing
- 10 the operator. All five of the permits for San Bernardino
- 11 County are very similar except for one, and the one that
- 12 is not similar, that has a little difference or has some
- 13 changes, is Item Number 11, which is the Big Bear Sanitary
- 14 Landfill.
- 15 All of the permits, proposed permits, are
- 16 to modify permit language and amend the Report Disposal
- 17 Site Information except for the Big Bear proposed permit
- 18 is also to extend the hours and days of operations.
- 19 I also wanted to make one other correction.
- 20 Not a correction, but to identify another difference. If
- 21 you look on agenda Item Number 9, the Mid-Valley Sanitary
- 22 Landfill, the proposed permit is to modify the permit
- 23 language and is also to amend the Joint Technical
- 24 Document. That is one of the permits that has a Joint
- 25 Technical Document instead of an RDSI. Those are the only
- 26 two differences between the five permits.
- 27 All of the permits do have 15 years of --
- 28 all of the sites do have 15 years of capacity as it

- 1 relates to the conformance.
- 2 Now I will begin to identify each of the
- 3 agenda items. The Barstow Sanitary Landfill is owned and
- 4 operated by the County of San Bernardino Waste System
- 5 Division. Its contractor is NORCAL San Bernardino, Inc.
- 6 Board staff and LEA have determined that the requirements
- 7 for the proposed revised permit have been met. However,
- 8 finding of conformance with the San Bernardino Countywide
- 9 Integrated Waste Management Plan approved by the Board in
- 10 October of 1997 was deferred to the Office of Local
- 11 Assistance, and if you would like to hear specifics
- 12 regarding the Siting Element, Zane Poulson is here.
- 13 If not, in conclusion, staff recommends
- 14 that the Board adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision
- 15 Number 1999-272, concurring with the issuance of Solid
- 16 Waste Facility Permit 36-AA-0046.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions regarding
- 18 this? Mr. Jones.
- 19 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman. Just two things.
- 20 One, for the benefit of the audience that doesn't know
- 21 what the issue is on conformance, the word "description"
- 22 as to not only where it's located and the footprint, but
- 23 the issue we're struggling with is describe the tonnages
- 24 in the future. So we're not dismissing the conformance
- 25 findings, we're struggling through that right now. I
- 26 don't want you to think it was a non-issue because it is
- 27 an issue for us and we still have to work through that.
- 28 Every one of these San Bernardino permits

- 1 does not have the amended language on the conformance
- 2 finding with the intent. So we're going to have to read
- 3 this addendum into each one of these permits that we do
- 4 because --
- 5 JULIE NAUMAN: Mr. Jones, I might point out
- 6 it's only Items 7 and 11 of this group that have a
- 7 conformance finding issue to be addressed. All the others
- 8 are consistent.
- 9 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
- 10 move Resolution 1999-272 for the consideration of Revised
- 11 Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Barstow Sanitary
- 12 Landfill; whereas, the Board finds the proposed permit is
- 13 consistent with the standards adopted by the Board; and
- 14 whereas, the Board finds that the proposed permit is in
- 15 conformance with the intent of the County Integrated Waste
- 16 Management Plan's Siting Element to provide 15 years of
- 17 disposal capacity for the County; now, therefore, be it
- 18 resolved that the Waste Board concurs with the issuance of
- 19 Solid Waste Facility Permit Number 36-AA-0046.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'll second that motion.
- 21 Mr. Jones moves, Mr. Eaton seconds that we
- 22 adopt Resolution 1999-272.
- 23 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 26 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 28 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.

- 1 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 2 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 4 Item Number 8.
- 5 DIANNE OHIOSUMUA: This item regards the
- 6 consideration of a Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for
- 7 the Colton Sanitary Landfill located in San Bernardino
- 8 County. The owner and operator of the existing landfill
- 9 is the County of San Bernardino Waste Systems Division,
- 10 and its contractor is NORCAL San Bernardino, Inc.
- 11 Board staff and the LEA have determined
- 12 that all the requirements for the proposed revised permit
- 13 have been met.
- 14 In conclusion, staff recommends that the
- 15 Board adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision Number
- 16 1999-277, concurring with the issuance of Solid Waste
- 17 Facility Permit Number 37-AA-0051.
- 18 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 19 CHAIRMAN EATON: Yes.
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: I move adoption of
- 21 Resolution 1999-277.
- MR. JONES: I'll second that. I'll check
- 23 the blocks.
- 24 CHAIRMAN EATON: Ms. Nauman, my
- 25 understanding is you said it didn't involve that, and yet
- 26 in the Resolution there seems to be that language.
- 27 Number -- I'm speaking --
- JULIE NAUMAN: This one, I believe, is in

- 1 conformance. If you look at that last "whereas," it is in
- 2 conformance, so we didn't give you a box to check.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Is it the one with the
- 4 intent?
- 5 JULIE NAUMAN: No, Mr. Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. I got you.
- 7 wanted to make sure. Since we're having to do sort of,
- 8 you know, school exercises today, I want to make sure.
- 9 Sorry. Mr. Jones.
- 10 Not that we can't perform those tasks,
- 11 ladies and gentlemen.
- 12 (Laughter)
- MR. PENNINGTON: We have a motion on the
- 14 floor, Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right.
- 16 MR. JONES: I'm sorry. I didn't hear it.
- 17 I'm sorry.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: I asked to you restate
- 19 your motion.
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: My motion is --
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: We not only have physical
- 22 exercises, we have mental exercises.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman, I will move
- 24 the adoption of Resolution 1999-277.
- MR. JONES: I'll second.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Mr. Pennington
- 27 moves and Mr. Jones seconds that we adopt Resolution
- 28 1999-277.

- 1 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 2 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 3 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 7 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 10 Next item.
- 11 DIANNE OHIOSUMUA: I, first of all, would
- 12 like to let the Board Members know that Matt Slovick
- 13 representing the San Bernardino County Local Enforcement
- 14 Agency is at the table, and he is here to answer any
- 15 questions that you may have, along with Ron Dare, who is
- 16 representing the operator.
- 17 This item regards the consideration of a
- 18 revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Mid-Valley
- 19 Sanitary Landfill located in San Bernardino County. The
- 20 owner and operator of the existing disposal site is the
- 21 County of San Bernardino Waste System Division and its
- 22 contractor is NORCAL San Bernardino Inc.
- 23 Board staff and the LEA have determined
- 24 that all the requirements for the proposed revised permit
- 25 have been met. Since this item was prepared, Board staff
- 26 has been in the midst of discussions with the LEA
- 27 regarding the consistency with state minimum standards.
- 28 Now we have made a finding of consistency with the state

- 1 minimum standards.
- 2 In conclusion, the staff recommends that
- 3 the Board adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision
- 4 Number 1999-275, concurring with the issuance of Solid
- 5 Waste Facility Permit Number 36-AA-0055.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. I' 11 share the
- 7 wealth and try to fill in the blanks as well.
- 8 I'll make a motion that we adopt Resolution
- 9 1999-275; whereas, the most recent California Integrated
- 10 Waste Management Board/LEA Inspection Document, no
- 11 violations of state minimum standards for solid waste
- 12 handling disposal; and whereas, the Board finds the
- 13 proposed permit is consistent with the standards adopted
- 14 by the Board; and whereas, the Board finds that the
- 15 proposed permit is in conformance with the Countywide
- 16 Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting Element; and
- 17 whereas, the Board finds that all state and local
- 18 requirements for the permit have been met, including
- 19 compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act;
- 20 now, therefore, be it resolved that the California
- 21 Integrated Waste Management Board concurs in the issuance
- 22 of Solid Waste Facility Permit Number 36-AA-0055.
- 23 SENATOR ROBERTI: Second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Eaton moves and
- 25 Mr. Roberti seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-275.
- 26 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 27 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.

- 1 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 3 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 4 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 5 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 7 Item Number 10.
- 8 DIANNE OHIOSUMUA: This item regards a
- 9 consideration of a Revised Facility Permit for Landers
- 10 Solid Waste Disposal Site in San Bernardino County. The
- 11 owner and operator of the existing disposal site is the
- 12 County of San Bernardino Waste Systems Division, and its
- 13 contractor is NORCAL San Bernardino, Inc.
- 14 Board staff and the LEA have determined
- 15 that all the requirements for the proposed revised permit
- 16 have been met. At the time this item was being prepared,
- 17 Board staff were in the midst of discussion with the LEA
- 18 regarding consistency with state minimum standards. Now
- 19 we have made a finding of consistency with the state
- 20 minimum standards.
- 21 In conclusion, staff recommends the Board
- 22 adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision Number
- 23 1999-271, concurring with the issuance of Solid Waste
- 24 Facility Permit Number 36-AA-0057.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions?
- 26 SENATOR ROBERTI: I move Resolution
- 27 1999-271. You have to do the --
- MR. PENNINGTON: You have to do your

- 1 crayons.
- 2 SENATOR ROBERTI: Another mental exercise.
- 3 The crayon is, whereas, the Board finds the proposed permit is
- 4 within the standards adopted by the Board. Is that the
- 5 only crayon we have? With that, I move
- 6 Resolution 1999-271.
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second it.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti moves and Mr. Pennington
- 9 seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-271.
- 10 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 15 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 16 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 17 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 19 Last item for San Bernardino, I believe.
- 20 DIANNE OHIOSUMUA: Vickie Sandoval is
- 21 representing the San Bernardino County Local Enforcement
- 22 Agency, and Ron Dare is also here representing the
- 23 operator.
- 24 This item regards the consideration of a
- 25 Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Big Bear
- 26 Sanitary Landfill located in San Bernardino County. The owner and
- 27 operator of the existing landfill is the County of
- 28 San Bernardino Waste System Division and its contractor

- 1 is NORCAL San Bernardino, Inc.
- 2 Board staff and LEA have determined that
- 3 all the requirements for the proposed revised permit have
- 4 been met. However, findings of conformance with the San
- 5 Bernardino Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan
- 6 approved by the Board in October of 1997 was deferred to
- 7 the Office of Local Assistance. If you would like to hear
- 8 more specifics regarding the Siting Element, Zane Poulson
- 9 is here.
- 10 If not, in conclusion, staff recommends
- 11 that the Board adopt Solid Waste Facility Permit Decision
- 12 Number 1999-321, concurring with the issuance of Solid
- 13 Waste Facility Permit Number 36-AA-0056.
- 14 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions?
- 15 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 17 MR. JONES: I'll move adoption of
- 18 Resolution 1999-321 for consideration of a Revised Solid
- 19 Waste Facility Permit for Big Bear Sanitary Landfill;
- 20 whereas, the Board finds the proposed permit is consistent
- 21 with standards adopted by the Board. And I'm going to
- 22 amend the next "whereas" to read whereas, the Board finds
- 23 that the proposed permit is in conformance with the intent
- 24 of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting
- 25 Element to provide 15 years of disposal capacity for the
- 26 county; therefore, be it resolved that the CIWMB concurs
- 27 in the issuance of Solid Waste Facility Permit 36-AA-0056.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'll second.

- 1 Mr. Jones moves and Mr. Eaton seconds we
- 2 adopt Resolution 1999-321.
- 3 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 5 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 9 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 10 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 12 Thank you very, very much. Appreciate
- 13 your attempt to try and consolidate and move us along.
- 14 It's an ongoing process, and I think at least we're on the
- 15 road to try and consolidate.
- 16 JULIE NAUMAN: Thank you for your
- 17 indulgence in the experiment.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: You're only taking credit
- 19 for the presentation, not the crayons.
- JULIE NAUMAN: We'll have some further
- 21 discussions about the --
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: We'll take a short break
- 23 and reconvene at 11:25.
- 24 (Brief recess taken.)
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you. Back in
- 26 session.
- 27 Next item, Ms. Nauman, Item Number --
- 28 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'm sorry. You're
- 2 absolutely correct.
- 3 Before I begin, did anyone have any ex
- 4 parte communications? I'll start to my left,
- 5 Mr. Pennington.
- 6 MR. PENNINGTON: Yes. I had a brief
- 7 discussion with Mr. Larson about the tire rights.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. Mr. Jones.
- 9 MR. JONES: A quick one with Denise
- 10 Delmatier on ABC futures.
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. Senator Roberti.
- 12 SENATOR ROBERTI: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Rita
- 13 Hooker, City of Long Beach, on Item Number 15, the
- 14 Nicholson Avenue.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. I had
- 16 meet-and-greets with Denise Delmatier, Mark Apraya and
- 17 Sean Cuff regarding the weather and meteorological effects
- 18 and how it affects diversion rates. I think that's
- 19 appropriate. All right. Let's go.
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: Sounds like a lot of hot
- 21 hair.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: Those of you who did not
- 23 catch the inside joke, there's a proposal floating around
- 24 among a number of jurisdictions when we're talking about
- 25 quality of diversion and numbers. Just so that there's
- 26 not any inside jokes around here, that somehow because
- 27 there are increased, above-average rainfalls in certain
- 28 parts of the state, that somehow there should be an

- 1 allowance with regard to the diversion rate due to the
- 2 fact that grass grows faster when there's more rain, and
- 3 therefore there's more weight, and therefore there's more
- 4 disposal than diversion.
- 5 The counter-argument to that that's
- 6 floating around in arid parts of the state is that they
- 7 have no ability to grow any kind of grass, so if they
- 8 would like to have it considered, they would like to take
- 9 the drought years into consideration along with the wet
- 10 years. So I guess that's sort of like the dry and wet
- 11 test when we got to the RSU program of last year.
- 12 Anyway, that's the meteorological debate,
- 13 and I'm sure the weather man will give his insight at the
- 14 appropriate time.
- 15 MR. PENNINGTON: But you can always count
- 16 it's always greater on the other side.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Absolutely.
- 18 MR. JONES: Does that discussion include a
- 19 reduction in the disposal rate when you go to a landfill,
- 20 during that time of the year the water is adding tonnage
- 21 to the weight that we're carrying? Because --
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: I don't know. Anyway,
- 23 sorry. Ms. Nauman.
- 24 MS. NAUMAN: The next two items are items
- 25 considering for Major Waste Tire Facilities and Tom Micka
- 26 will present the first one, which is Item 12.
- 27 MR. MICKA: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
- 28 Members of the Board.

- 1 Item 12 relates to the consideration of the
- 2 adoption of a new Major Waste Tire Facility Permit for
- 3 Used Tire King located in San Bernardino County. The
- 4 project is a tire retail, wholesale and disposal
- 5 operation. Existing storage area consists of
- 6 approximately two acres of outdoor storage and a small
- 7 warehouse and sales office. The proposed activity will
- 8 store up to 200 tons of waste tires.
- 9 Board staff have determined that the
- 10 application meets all the requirements on page 12-3 of
- 11 this item and is acceptable for consideration by the
- 12 Board.
- 13 In conclusion, staff recommends that the
- 14 Board adopt Permit Resolution Number 1999-100 approving
- 15 the issuance of Major Waste Tire Facility Permit Number
- 16 36-TI-0512.
- 17 This concludes staff's presentation.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions of staff?
- MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 21 MR. JONES: Having driven by this facility
- 22 numerous times and seeing the great business that they
- 23 do -- and they do keep this place in awfully good shape --
- 24 I'll move Resolution 1999-100 and there are no
- 25 check-the-boxes.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second that.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones moves and
- 28 Mr. Pennington seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-100.

- 1 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 3 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 4 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 7 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 10 Item Number 13.
- 11 TERRY SMITH: Mr. Chairman, Board Members.
- 12 Item 13 regards consideration of a Major Waste Tire
- 13 Facility -- Terry Smith for the record -- for Golden
- 14 By-Products. They want to revise their permit.
- 15 Golden By-Products, Incorporated is a
- 16 registered waste tire hauler and a holder of a Major Waste
- 17 Tire Facility Permit that was issued in July of 1997. The
- 18 Golden By-Products facility is located at 13000 Newport
- 19 Road in Ballico, Merced County. The operator collects
- 20 tires from various businesses throughout Northern and
- 21 Central California and has been recruited on several
- 22 occasions to work with the Tire Remediation Group on waste
- 23 tire cleanup.
- 24 Truckloads of tires arriving at Golden
- 25 By-Products are first weighed and then tires are sorted.
- 26 Good used tires are stored at the site until they can be
- 27 resold to tire dealers. Waste tires are shredded. End
- 28 uses for tires include alternative daily cover for

- 1 landfills and tire-derived fuel for cogeneration plant.
- 2 The current permit allows the operator to
- 3 store up to 85,000 waste tires or 850 tons of passenger
- 4 tire equipment. The proposed permit revision will allow
- 5 the storage of up to 150,000 waste tires or 1,500 tons of
- 6 passenger tire equipment.
- 7 The storage capacity is the only proposed
- 8 change. Staff has drafted a Major Waste Tire Facility
- 9 Permit for the Board's consideration that reflects the
- 10 increase in maximum permitted capacity. The permit is
- 11 included as Attachment Number 1 of this item.
- 12 on May 10th, 1999, staff conducted a
- 13 pre-permit inspection of the facility and found the
- 14 facility in compliance with all state minimum standards
- 15 for tire storage and disposal. However, on the day of our
- 16 inspection, the operator was exceeding the maximum
- 17 permitted capacity or tonnage limit.
- 18 Therefore, staff documented a violation of
- 19 Public Resources Code Division 30, Section 42845 for
- 20 operating outside terms of the permit. With the Board's
- 21 approval and the issuance of this proposed permit, this
- 22 violation will be corrected.
- 23 Staff has determined that all of the
- 24 requirements to obtain a Major Waste Tire Facility Permit
- 25 have been satisfied including verification that all local
- 26 requirements have been met, financial assurance and
- 27 operating liability requirements, national fire standards
- 28 for outdoor storage of rubber tires, state minimum

- 1 standards for tire storage, and the California
- 2 Environmental Quality Act requirements.
- 3 In conclusion, staff recommend that the
- 4 Board adopt Permit Decision Number 1999-322, approving the
- 5 issuance of Waste Tire Facility Permit Number 24-TI-0656.
- 6 Janna and Karen Barstow representing Golden By-Products
- 7 are present and available to answer questions that you may
- 8 have.
- 9 This concludes staff presentation.
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions of either
- 11 staff or the operator?
- 12 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- 14 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of
- 15 Resolution 1999-322.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'll second that motion.
- 17 Mr. Pennington moves and Mr. Eaton seconds
- 18 that we adopt Resolution 1999-322.
- 19 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 22 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 25 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 26 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 28 Members, we have three items left in the

- 1 Permits, LEA and Facility Compliance. Two of those deal
- 2 with tire regulations and one deals with proposed revision
- 3 to those regulations.
- 4 It's been suggested by staff that if we
- 5 take the one item that deals with the 2136 program and
- 6 then take up the other two items that deal with tires, it
- 7 might be helpful rather than trying to break it up. If
- 8 you don't have a problem with that, we can proceed and
- 9 take up the item that was in between there. Simply
- 10 because it was put on the agenda in chronological
- 11 sequence, it was not consistent with that. If that's not
- 12 a problem we can take care of the 2136 and then take the
- 13 item that involves the regulations and monofill status.
- 14 Hearing none, that's what we'll do.
- 15 Mr. Walker, thank you. We will take agenda
- 16 Item Number 15, taking that just out of order.
- 17 SCOTT WALKER: Good morning. Scott Walker,
- 18 Permitting and Enforcement Division.
- 19 This item presents consideration of new
- 20 sites for remediation pursuant to the Solid Waste Disposal
- 21 and Codisposal Site Cleanup or AB 2136 program. Two sites
- 22 are included in this agenda item, the 38th Street Burn
- 23 Dump Site in San Diego County and Nicholson Avenue Illegal
- 24 Disposal Site in L.A. County. Because of liability
- 25 concerns, the 38th Street Site will not be considered at
- 26 this Board meeting but will be continued to a future Board
- 27 meeting pending resolution of those concerns.
- 28 The Nicholson Avenue Site is located in an

- 1 industrial, low income area spanning both of the cities of
- 2 Long Beach and Los Angeles. Illegal dumping at this site
- 3 has occurred on a public Street, principally over the past
- 4 seven years. Both City Fire Departments have responded
- 5 numerous times to fires at this site.
- 6 The adjacent property owner, which is the
- 7 Budd Company, which is owned by a Mr. Budd Smithers, has
- 8 been identified as the responsible party for the illegal
- 9 dumping and is being subject to ongoing enforcement and
- 10 criminal legal action by the City of Long Beach. The Budd
- 11 Company owns property adjacent to the site and is a
- 12 non-franchise refuse collection and equipment rental
- 13 business.
- 14 Approximately 7,000 cubic yards of
- 15 contaminated soil, construction debris, metals and tires
- 16 are present at the site. The construction debris consists
- 17 of asbestos-containing materials, roofing tile, wood,
- 18 metal, household hazardous waste and other organic refuse.
- 19 Soil and ash are commingled with the waste. It is
- 20 contaminated with California hazardous levels of lead and
- 21 cadmium. The levels detected do not exceed thermal,
- 22 hazardous or RCRA levels.
- 23 Board staff have concluded that what's
- 24 needed at this site is to segregate the solid waste and
- 25 household hazardous waste from the contaminated soil. The
- 26 contaminated soils would be disposed to a Utah rail haul
- 27 facility. Recyclable waste including the metals,
- 28 vehicles, appliances and tires, would be recycled to the

- 1 extent practical. The remaining solid waste and household
- 2 hazardous waste would be disposed or processed to a
- 3 licensed household hazardous waste facility with the
- 4 household hazardous waste management being coordinated
- S with the City of Long Beach. Finally, the project would
- 6 include regrading the site.
- 7 The total estimated cost is \$548,000.
- 8 Evaluating the AB 2136 program criteria reveals the
- 9 following: The site prioritization, staff would conclude
- 10 is A-1, which is the highest priority, confirmed pollution
- 11 with proximity to residences, violations of site security,
- 12 Title 27 violations of site security, litter, nuisance and
- 13 hazardous waste are present.
- 14 In terms of unable to unwilling criteria,
- 15 the City of Long Beach has done extensive enforcement and
- 16 legal action against the identified responsible party, and
- 17 that is ongoing. The maximization of available funds --
- 18 there is available funds in Board-managed contracts.
- 19 Staff have evaluated loans and grants and determined that
- 20 these would not be options for this particular cleanup.
- 21 In addition, the City of Long Beach has contributed
- 22 significant in-kind services and also earmarked \$100,000
- 23 to reimburse the Board.
- 24 In addition, the City of Los Angeles has
- 25 committed to, by virtue of their City Council meeting, a
- 26 contribution of \$50,000 to the project. In addition, the
- 27 responsible party will be subject to the Board's Cost
- 28 Recovery Policy, and at the present time the City of Long

- 1 Beach is assisting the Board in coordinating that effort.
- 2 Staff concludes that the criteria has been
- 3 met for an AB 2136 Board-managed project. In conclusion,
- 4 staff recommends adoption of Resolution 1999-326,
- 5 approving a Board-managed Remediation Project for the
- 6 Nicholson Avenue Illegal Disposal Site, Los Angeles
- 7 County.
- 8 This concludes the staff preparation.
- 9 Representatives are in attendance to present testimony
- 10 from the City of Long Beach on this item. In addition, we
- 11 have a representative from the City of Los Angeles here to
- 12 answer any questions.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions?
- MR. PENNINGTON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I
- 15 would like to know a little bit more about what legal
- 16 action the City of Long Beach has taken against Mr. Budd.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: I have three individuals
- 18 with speaking slips, Ms. Rita Hooker from City of Long
- 19 Beach, Don Folsay -- hopefully I pronounced that
- 20 correctly -- from the Long Beach Fire Department, and
- 21 Sharon Diggs-Jackson from the City of Long Beach. Each
- 22 and every one of you or one of you can make a presentation
- 23 and respond. Mr. Pennington is inquiring.
- 24 RITA HOOKER: My name is Rita Hooker. I'm
- 25 the City of Long Beach Waste Manager Officer. I can
- 26 answer your question. In fact, that's one of the things I
- 27 wanted to update you on.
- 28 There is a restitution hearing currently

- 1 set for September 27th for the case against Mr. Smithers.
- 2 At that time, the City will present its economic losses as
- 3 well as the State's, and the Judge will take that into
- 4 consideration. We're hoping at that time to have some
- 5 good estimates or some hard numbers that we can present to
- 6 the Court.
- 7 I've also been told we would like to have
- 8 someone from Board staff attend that hearing when it is
- 9 held in case there's any questions or they have to provide
- 10 testimony.
- 11 MR. PENNINGTON: One other question. There
- 12 seems to be a chronic violator. Can't the City revoke his
- 13 business license?
- 14 RITA HOOKER: He never had a business
- 15 license in the first place.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Hard to revoke then.
- 17 RITA HOOKER: I'll have Sharon
- 18 Diggs-Jackson, she's our City's Nuisance Abatement Officer
- 19 fill you in a little bit.
- 20 SHARON DIGGS-JACKSON: To give you more
- 21 information on the criminal prosecution, the case was
- 22 concluded on June the 25th, and as part of the sentencing
- 23 he was convicted of four misdemeanor counts. Those counts
- 24 included Code violations, two counts of commercial dumping
- 25 and creating a public nuisance. He was fined a total of
- 26 \$4,000 at that time and placed on five years probation.
- 27 And we still have the restitution hearing that will happen
- 28 in September.

- 1 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay. Thank you.
- 2 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti.
- 4 SENATOR ROBERTI: I would just like to add
- 5 on this, I did visit the site, and the City of Long Beach
- 6 has been very diligently trying to A, clean it up, and B,
- 7 bring the culprit to terms. It appears the Court has gone
- 8 sort of soft on him. I hope at this latest hearing that
- 9 changes, but it is a true health blight on the public
- 10 street. It's incredible that this thing has sort of built
- 11 up over time. I don't think we can blame the City of Long
- 12 Beach for a problem that has occurred there, and I think
- 13 that merits our support.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington. V
- MR. PENNINGTON: If there's no further
- 17 discussion, I would be happy to move adoption of
- 18 Resolution 1999-326.
- 19 I would like to comment. I hope I didn't
- 20 sound like I thought the City wasn't doing their job,
- 21 because I think they have done an excellent job. I was
- 22 just curious as to what was happening.
- 23 SHARON DIGGS-JACKSON: That's been one of
- 24 my foremost questions, too, so I appreciate that.
- MR. JONES: I would like to second that and
- 26 I would just like to add a quick comment before we take a
- 27 vote.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: Please.

- 1 MR. JONES: First off, I want to commend
- 2 the City of Long Beach and for getting the City of L.A.
- 3 involved, too. When you look at this property, there's
- 4 not much that belongs to the City of L.A. I also think it
- 5 raises to the level of importance to understand that
- 6 there's not only the two folks from Solid Waste, but the
- 7 Batallion Chief from the City of Long Beach felt there was
- 8 enough of a health issue and a fire issue that he needed
- 9 to be up here to assure that.
- 10 My question is on the restitution hearing.
- 11 Is there -- if this vote is affirmative, which I'm
- 12 assuming it's going to be, and we start the process, would
- 13 you be able to hold that restitution hearing or put it
- 14 into -- continue it to a later date when you get a hard
- 15 number? Because this is exactly what this Board has
- 16 always talked about with restitution, and we've had some
- 17 issues in other parts of the state where legal has dropped
- 18 the ball once they got our money.
- 19 So I'm glad to see what you folks have
- 20 done, that you are to be commended.
- 21 SHARON DIGGS-JACKSON: We posed that
- 22 question also and Todd has assured you that we have pretty
- 23 firm numbers in terms of the cost. We have detailed
- 24 assessments of that, not only by the two cities, but as
- 25 well as the state cost, and our city prosecutor is really
- 26 concerned and wants to make sure we have as many numbers
- 27 as we can when we go before the Judge. So we're working
- 28 on that.

- 1 MR. JONES: You may be a poster child.
- 2 SHARON DIGGS-JACKSON: Just one other
- 3 comment, that I think we both learned a lesson, both of
- 4 the cities learned a lesson, the importance of our working
- 5 together. The project had existed for some years, and it
- 6 wasn't until the two cities decided to work collectively.
- 7 We went after them with all of the enforcement on both
- 8 sides of the fence, and both cities have learned a lesson.
- 9 We know that if you want to get something
- 10 done, we have to work in concert, because I think
- 11 Mr. Smithers played the two cities against each other for
- 12 a number of years.
- 13 We're looking forward to it.
- 14 CHAIRMAN EATON: There's a motion before
- 15 us. Mr. Pennington moves and Mr. Jones seconds that we ${f v}$
- 16 adopt 1999-326.
- 17 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 18 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 19 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 22 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 23 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 26 SHARON DIGGS-JACKSON: Can I just make one
- 27 final comment? We got a lot of help from the staff and
- 28 wanted to commend Marge Rouch, Todd Elmer and Scott

- 1 Walker.
- 2 We really didn't know what we were doing.
- 3 I remember making a frantic phone call to Marge saying,
- 4 I've read about this, but can you educate me? I just
- 5 wanted to pass that along. They've helped us a lot
- 6 through the process, so thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you. Turning to
- 8 Agenda Items 14 and 16, however you want to proceed
- 9 Ms. Nauman.
- 10 MS. NAUMAN: Just by way of a little bit of
- 11 background, let me remind the Board that beginning in
- 12 June, we brought before you an item that addressed three
- 13 tire storage exclusions that had been repealed or modified
- 14 through emergency regulations that were scheduled to
- 15 expire during July. These exclusions included indoor
- 16 storage, the general storage exclusion, and the recycling
- 17 exclusion.
- 18 In June, you directed us through two
- 19 resolutions to do two different things. First, you
- 20 directed us to submit the emergency regulations back
- 21 through the Office of Administrative Law for an extension.
- 22 Second, you directed us to bring
- 23 regulations back to you at this meeting and to include in
- 24 that package four additional items, which include the
- 25 storage of crumb rubber on-site, trust fund structure, use
- 26 of closure insurance, and a review of all the definitions
- 27 related to the definition of "waste tire." Those four
- 28 items have been included in the packet agenda item that

- 1 you have before you.
- 2 Just to give an update on our activities
- 3 since that time, we did submit the emergency rate package
- 4 for the three exclusions to the Office of Administrative
- 5 Law and did receive an extension dated the, 2nd of July.
- 6 That extension is good for 120 days, which takes us to
- 7 October 30th of this year.
- 8 Staff recommends to the Board -- and while
- 9 we can have further discussions on the items, but our
- 10 recommendation at this time is to encourage you to at
- 11 minimum direct staff to move forward with the commencement
- 12 of the 45-day review period for the exclusion package that
- 13 has been the subject of emergency regulations while we
- 14 have the extension in place. There is still a significant
- 15 amount of work that needs to be done on that packet.
- 16 I also want to alert you that it is very
- 17 likely we will not be able to complete all the work that
- 18 still needs to be done on the packet prior to October
- 19 30th. We will likely need to go back to the Office of
- 20 Administrative Law one final time to ensure these
- 21 regulations become permanent.
- 22 In our discussions with the Office of
- 23 Administrative Law, I believe there's an understanding
- 24 that as long as we keep moving this package along and
- 25 continue to make substantial progress, we would not have
- 26 difficulty in obtaining that final extension if it becomes
- 27 necessary.
- 28 So again, our recommendation is that you

- 1 move forward with the emergency rate package that includes
- 2 the exclusions, appeal and modification of those
- 3 exclusions, so we can formally begin the 45-day review
- 4 period.
- 5 MR. JONES: Permanent, not emergency?
- 6 MS. NA1JMAN: The current status is
- 7 emergency to ensure that they become permanent
- 8 regulations.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions, comments,
- 10 discussion?
- 11 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- MR. JONES: I have no problem starting
- 14 with this clock. There's two issues I would like to bring
- 15 up to see what the other Board Members say.
- 16 One is on the trust fund. We had in the
- 17 reg package, it says that -- this is on 14-10 -- that the
- 18 initial deposit to the trust fund shall be at least equal
- 19 to the current closure cost, which means 100 percent
- 20 funding. I think we're going to exclude some businesses.
- 21 I'm wondering if the solution -- if the
- 22 Board felt comfortable with the mechanism we put in place
- 23 for -- I think it was Takallou and --
- 24 MS. NAUMAN: CRM.
- 25 MR. JONES: -- CRM, where the permit was
- 26 for 80,000 tires but they had only funded 20 percent. We
- 27 only allowed them a fifth of those. I think it was 16,500
- 28 tires on-site, and while the permit was issued for 80,000,

- 1 so they didn't have to come back every time they did a
- 2 contribution, the permit was clear they could only have as
- 3 many tires on the premises as the fund was -- as the trust
- 4 fund had been funded.
- 5 I'm wondering if we need to think about
- 6 that a little bit because we may be excluding potential
- 7 businesses because they lack the ability to -- to fund
- 8 Completely, and if they were to get a permit for 100,000
- 9 tires but funded 20 percent, then obviously they could
- 10 only have 20,000 tires on-site and go up as they fund, to
- 11 give them the ability to grow a business. Six and one
- 12 half dozen of the other, but I think I would like to know
- 13 how -- if the Board Members think there is some viability
- 14 and they're trying to move some of these businesses. Just
- 15 as an option, to see if we can't get more people out there V
- 16 that could actually be part of the solution.
- 17 I want to throw that out there because it's
- 18 directly in contrast to what's been -- or it's a change of
- 19 what's been proposed.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: Response to Mr. Jones'
- 21 inquiry?
- MR. PENNINGTON: I certainly think we
- 23 should look at that. I don't know whether issuing a
- 24 staged permit or just having them continue to come back.
- 25 I agree that we don't want to just arbitrarily put people
- 26 out of business or make them get very small permits. I
- 27 think we ought to look at it.
- 28 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti.
- 2 SENATOR ROBERTI: As I understand it,
- 3 talking to staff, we are prepared to deal right now with
- 4 the repealing of the -- with regulations that repeal the
- 5 exclusions, and the rest of the portion of this item,
- 6 including the aspect of the trust fund which Mr. Jones has
- 7 raised, which is an important aspect, can and probably
- 8 should be dealt with at another meeting when we think of
- 9 the whole thing on a more comprehensive basis. But to
- 10 sort of move our timetable along, I would like to amend or
- 11 offer in substitution to our Resolution.
- 12 MS. NAUMAN: Mr. Roberti and Board Members,
- 13 you don't have a Resolution on this item. What we're
- 14 looking for is direction.
- 15 SENATOR ROBERTI: I would like to move or
- 16 hope the Board gives direction, whichever methodology the
- 17 Chair wants to employ, that we move ahead with repealing
- 18 the exclusions for the facilities because it appears that
- 19 we are prepared to do that. I don't know that we can do
- 20 that this month because we don't have a Resolution before
- 21 us. We can?
- 22 And then the rest of the matter, the
- 23 regulations that deal with definitions -- hauler, storage
- 24 requirements, and monofills -- as well as the matter of
- 25 the trust fund which Member Jones has raised, come back to
- 26 us at the September meeting.
- 27 MR. PENNINGTON: If the Senator would like
- 28 to put that in a motion, I'll be happy to second it.

- 1 SENATOR ROBERTI: I'll so move.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll be happy to second
- 3 it.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: Just for purposes of
- 5 clarification, I think what you're saying, we'll do the
- 6 exclusions now and do all of the other part, whether it be
- 7 definitions or other regulatory components, whatever they
- 8 might be, at the September meeting. Now, there may very
- 9 well be more than one September meeting, but it will be at
- 10 one of those meetings that meets with all of our
- 11 schedules. If that kind of crystallizes it, just for the
- 12 purposes -- Mr. Jones.
- 13 MR. JONES: Are we also saying that that is
- 14 running concurrently with the 45-day comment period?
- 15 SENATOR ROBERTI: Yes.
- MR. JONES: So the 45-day comment period
- 17 starts when we're doing this. Okay. No problem.
- 18 MR. PENNINGTON: I might add that I
- 19 encourage the staff and the Board and the interested
- 20 parties to continue to work on this while we're moving
- 21 down the road.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. With regard to
- 23 that, is there any need for a motion or just straight
- 24 direction?
- 25 MS. TOBIAS: I think it's better in a
- 26 motion.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. We'll do that.
- 28 SENATOR ROBERTI: So moved.

- 1 MR. PENNINGTON: Second.
- 2 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. You guys are
- 3 really -- I don't have to fill in the blank, but you made
- 4 me do this. I know, I know, I know -- you can't say that.
- 5 You can't say that. But you know, I would support either
- 6 legislation or a motion to that effect.
- 7 MR. PENNINGTON: -- includes former
- 8 Chairmen.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Anyway, just for
- 10 clarification, Senator Roberti moves and Mr. Pennington
- 11 seconds that we do the exclusion now as it relates to the
- 12 Waste Tire Facility Regulations, and that we bring back at
- 13 one of the September meetings to determine the date the
- 14 other components for monofill definitions and other
- 15 regulatory components in September.
- 16 SENATOR ROBERTI: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Madam Secretary, please
- 18 call the role.
- 19 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 21 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 24 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 25 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 27 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti.

- 1 SENATOR ROBERTI: In a related matter, in
- 2 speaking to the staff of Senator Escutia, I would hope
- 3 that at the September meeting that we could bring up the
- 4 matter of support for SB 876. I understand that our
- 5 position on this matter is one reason for her hesitation
- 6 in pursuing this year her legislation.
- 7 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. I don't think
- 8 that to be a problem. I think we will have a number of
- 9 items we'll have to take up in that.
- 10 SENATOR ROBERTI: In September or whenever
- 11 you want.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Yes. September, they're
- 13 gone, the 10th.
- 14 SENATOR ROBERTI: Better do it in August.
- 15 Better do it in August. V
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: So we can move that and we
- 17 can go from there, start moving those items for the August
- 18 meeting in Quincy.
- 19 Next item.
- 20 MS. NAUMAN: Mr. Chairman, I want
- 21 clarification that that motion included any consideration
- 22 of the monofill tire regs or do you want --
- 23 SENATOR ROBERTI: I think I said monofills.
- 24 MS. NAUMAN: I think so --
- 25 MS. TOBIAS: I do believe the motion did
- 26 include monofills. I did have the same question,
- 27 Ms. Nauman, as to whether we were going to pick up Item
- 28 16. I do believe your motion did address that.

- 1 MS. NAUMAN: That completes the P and E
- 2 items.
- 3 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 5 MR. JONES: Just a quick question. On the
- 6 tire monofill rate, I got the tire report. I got to look
- 7 at it. There seems to be some conditions to ensure -- and
- 8 just a little backup for the Senator and for the
- 9 Chairman, that when we started these tire monofill regs,
- 10 we were worried that we were going to be putting a reg
- 11 package together that could result in a problem as far as
- 12 fires or things like that because of the nature of
- 13 shredded tires, and we asked that Dan Humphrey and others
- 14 get involved to make sure it's right.
- 15 All I want to say is, during this 45-day
- 16 comment period, I want to look closely at some of these
- 17 issues because there are some conditions, like tires not
- 18 having any oil on them, that in the real world, folks,
- 19 tires have oil on them when. That's why they've been
- 20 discarded; and if that's going to promote tire fires in
- 21 shredded monofills, then I think we really need to
- 22 understand that because I don't want to see this Board
- 23 promote something that could turn out to be a problem.
- 24 I'm not saying it's going to, I just want
- 25 to spend some time really reviewing that because some of
- 26 these conditions are very onerous and I'm not sure how
- 27 we're going to be able to enforce it, so I just mention
- 28 that as an issue because it could be a problem in my

- 1 humble view.
- 2 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Thank you
- 3 for your efforts this morning arid your willingness to go
- 4 out on the edge in your presentation.
- 5 I think at this time I would like to see if
- 6 we can't knock out Items 21 and 22 and take our normal
- 7 lunch hour. I don't believe that we should be breaking
- 8 later so we go past that time, and then try and reconvene
- 9 about 2:00, which will then give us about 13 remaining
- 10 items on today's agenda which will complete the agenda and
- 11 make the necessity for a second day not necessary. Sort
- 12 of redundant.
- 13 We do have a closed session, I should
- 14 remind Board Members, as well. So if we can just try and
- 15 start with Item 21. Item Numbers 17, 18 and 19 have r
- 16 already been approved as part of the consent calendar.
- 17 Take 21 and 22 and take our lunch break. Thank you.
- 18 LORRAINE VAN KEKENX: Lorraine Van KeKenx
- 19 with the Diversion Planning and Local Assistance Division.
- 20 We're awaiting the arrival of the city representatives.
- 21 They are not here. Staff can proceed to give you our
- 22 presentation, but if you have questions for the cities,
- 23 they are not here.
- 24 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. We can proceed, if
- 25 that's okay with everyone. Go ahead.
- 26 LORRAINE VAN KEKENX: Kaone Cruz will be
- 27 making the presentation.
- 28 KAONE CRUZ: Good morning, Chairman and

- 1 1990 base-year tonnage, generation tonnage, is 122,513
- 2 tons, and the proposed tonnage for 1995 as the base-year
- 3 is 276,441 tons.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: So the percentage would
- 5 move from 13.4 to 14.5. Is that what you're trying to do?
- 6 KAONE CRUZ: Right.
- 7 CHAIRMAN EATON: It would be helpful
- 8 sometimes just to find out what the numbers would be
- 9 moving, and before we get ready to move, with the
- 10 indulgence of the -- I understand, but it also saddens me
- 11 that this is another perfect example of where we, as a
- 12 Board, look at a jurisdiction. I think, Senator, you made
- 13 a comment earlier about, I think, particular jurisdiction.
- 14 If you look into the audience, there's only one
- 15 representative, and I thank you, Mr. Mohajer, for staying
- 16 here through this period of time of local government where
- 17 we sometimes get accused of doing numbers. This is a
- 18 perfect example where people have not tremendous numbers
- 19 at all. If you look at some of the other jurisdictions,
- 20 if they have made the good faith efforts, under various
- 21 circumstances, some that the Senator mentioned, others
- 22 that we have that are a leader in green building, leader
- 23 green procurement, what have you.
- 24 This is the kind of example, I think that
- 25 you look at when local government asks us, if they're
- 26 here, what would we look at as a good faith effort? I
- 27 think we can point to these kinds of jurisdictions that
- 28 make this kind of presentation and effort, that it really

- 1 is in numbers. And the numbers don't tell the whole
- 2 story, they do tell a little bit of the story. And
- 3 perhaps how hard it is to get a lot of economic activity,
- 4 a lot of recreational activity, as we've heard in other
- 5 places in Southern California, and to some extent Northern
- 6 California. Enough of my soap box. I just really wish
- 7 that others could be seated here.
- 8 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman. I agree with
- 9 what you're saying. When you look at this City, it does
- 10 have a lot of perhaps. They've also got a population of
- 11 90,000 people. If you were to just divide that into the
- 12 waste stream, you'd be at 16 pounds per person per day,
- 13 but they have a work force that comes into that city every
- 14 day that includes 350,000 people.
- 15 The combination of those two drops us to
- 16 5.6 pounds per person per day. It's clear that number is
- 17 an indicator, and this program's success goes along with
- 18 what you're saying. To take three times your population
- 19 in the work force, with a daily work force, and be able to
- 20 do programs that get you to 24 percent in '96 -- and
- 21 actually, I've heard even quite a bit higher in '97, but
- 22 I'd just assume not use that number -- is about programs. a
- 23 And that being said, I would like to move adoption of
- 24 Resolution 1999-252 to change the base-year to 1995.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second it.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones moves and
- 28 Mr. Pennington seconds as it relates to the base-year

- 1 Board Members. I am Kaone Cruz with the Office of Local
- 2 Assistance. Agenda Item 21 is consideration of staff
- 3 recommendation to change the base-year for the City of
- 4 Santa Monica to 1995 for the previously approved source
- 5 reduction and recycling element, and consideration of the
- 6 biennial review findings for the source reduction and
- 7 recycling element for the City of Santa Monica in Los
- 8 Angeles County.
- 9 Regarding the 1995 issue of change, the
- 10 jurisdiction has requested to change the base-year from
- 11 1990 to 1995 based on the data collected from the
- 12 recyclers, haulers, and from the other diversion activity
- 13 done by private facility. Mr. Joe Delaney is planning to
- 14 attend the meeting, but he has not arrived as of yet. If
- 15 you have any questions, please ask him later today.
- 16 To estimate the waste generation in 1995,
- 17 the City used disposal data from the Disposal Reporting
- 18 System and compiled information for the diversion data
- 19 from the following activities: Cities residential and
- 20 recycling collection, contract haulers mixed waste paper
- 21 collection, green waste used for alternative daily cover,
- 22 processing of recyclable material in commercial sector,
- 23 and diversion of demolition material to document the
- 24 diversion times.
- 25 The City obtained recycling tonnage from
- 26 one manufacturing facility which was readily available to
- 27 the City at this time. Therefore, the diversion tonnage
- 28 is considered to be a conservative estimate. Board staff

- 1 has determined that the request has been adequately
- 2 documented and is consistent with previous Board standards
- 3 for accuracy. Therefore, staff recommends that the
- 4 requested change of base-year to 1995 be approved.
- 5 Biennial review. Staff also conducted a
- 6 biennial review of the City's SRRE. The City has made
- 7 good progress in implementing a variety of programs for
- 8 its residential, industrial, and commercial sectors. The
- 9 city implemented to place 100 recycling drop-off zones
- 10 throughout the City and adopted the Sustainability
- 11 Guidelines in 1994. The City views that waste reduction
- 12 and recycling provide a sustained number of solutions to
- 13 the program associated with solid waste disposal. The
- 14 City has implemented that -- system for all the
- 15 residential, multi-units, and commercial sectors.
- 16 The Board staff found that the City has
- 17 made a good faith effort to comply with the SRRE
- 18 implementation requirements and recommends that the Board
- 19 accept this finding.
- 20 This concludes my presentation.
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions? I just
- 22 have one. They want to move from what number to what
- 23 number?
- 24 KAONE CRUZ: Base-year?
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: While we're looking that
- 26 up, two motions -- one that regards the adjustment, the
- 27 second regarding good faith efforts.
- 28 KAONE CRUZ: Yes. Prior Board-approved

- 1 adjustment for the City of Santa Monica.
- 2 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 3 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 4 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 5 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 6 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 7 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 8 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 9 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 11 Now we have the second resolution which
- 12 deals in good faith efforts.
- 13 SENATOR ROBERTI: I just want to -- as I
- 14 indicated earlier in the morning, I think Santa Monica has
- 15 been engaged in a very good faith effort in a whole host
- 16 of areas, and they have a daytime population question that
- 17 is almost unique to them but in many ways similar to what
- 18 happens to other communities. As Member Jones had
- 19 indicated, it's way up over 300,000, maybe three times
- 20 greater than the city population. Also, from what I
- 21 understand, their occupancy rate is increasing because the
- 22 economies are booming, and that means their population is
- 23 being projected even more.
- 24 And another point which I would like to
- 25 bring out is there are some communities engaging in and
- 26 encouraging recycling that we have no methodology for.
- 27 It's not our fault, but we really have no methodology for
- 28 taking into consideration. It may not have that much per

- 1 se to do with their numbers, but there are various
- 2 programs of Santa Monica, and I'm sure they're not unique,
- 3 to encourage the use of recycled materials. I wish there
- 4 was a way, in thinking about it, that we could quantify
- 5 that, but certainly it's an aspect of good faith.
- 6 So I strongly urge the adoption of 1999-253
- 7 and will move it, and if only for their population changes
- 8 that have taken place, where their work force is increased
- 9 way above what their real population is, I think the
- 10 base-year should be altered. I'll move it from 1999-253.
- 11 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti moves and
- 13 Mr. Pennington seconds to adopt Resolution 1999-253, which
- 14 would accept the City of Santa Monica's good faith efforts
- 15 to implement its SRRE and meeting its diversion
- 16 requirements.
- 17 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 18 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 19 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 21 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 22 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 23 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 26 Okay. Please thank Mr. Delaney for his
- 27 efforts. I know that it's sometimes hard to get here.
- 28 He's probably hung up with the legislature down there, I

- 1 believe, but we do appreciate it.
- 2 And now we'll recess until 2:00.
- 3 MR. PENNINGTON: 22.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'm sorry. I'm convening.
- 5 It's always one thing.
- 6 The next item -- you know, it's that damn
- 7 weather -- I can't tell you that. We'll just do Item 22.
- 8 You're saying "22" and I'm thinking well, okay. I'm going
- 9 to adjourn at 20 to what? Item number 22.
- 10 (Laughter)
- 11 MR. PENNINGTON: Been there.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: I shouldn't have shook
- 13 your hand this morning. I think you transferred it over.
- 14 Item 22, City of Covina.
- 15 KAONE CRUZ: Good morning, Chairman and
- 16 Board Members. I'm Kaone Cruz again. Agenda Item Number
- 17 22 is consideration of staff recommendation to change the
- 18 base-year for the City of Covina to 1997 for the
- 19 previously approved Source Reduction and Recycling
- 20 Element, and consideration of the biennial review findings
- 21 for the Source Reduction and Recycling Element for the
- 22 City of Covina in Los Angeles County.
- 23 1997 base-year. The jurisdiction has
- 24 requested to change the base-year from 1990, which is
- 25 64,269 tons, to 1997, 108,052 tons based on the data
- 26 collected from recyclers, haulers, and from pilot programs
- 27 -- waste -- conducted by the City. Mr. Carry Aushore is
- 28 planning to attend the meeting.

- 1 To estimate the waste generation in 1997,
- 2 the City used corrected disposal data from the Disposal
- 3 Reporting System and compiled information for the
- 4 diversion data from the following activities: City's
- 5 contract, composting and grass recycling, green waste use
- 6 for alternative daily cover, processing the commercial
- 7 sector recyclable material, landfill salvage reported by
- 8 the landfill, and diversion of the demolition material to
- 9 document the diversion tonnage which is considered to be
- 10 more accurate than the original base-year diversion
- 11 tonnage.
- 12 Staff has determined that the request has
- 13 been adequately documented and is consistent with previous
- 14 Board standards for accuracy. Therefore, staff recommends
- 15 that the requested change of base-year to 1997 be
- 16 approved.
- 17 Biennial review. Staff also conducted a
- 18 biennial review for the City's SRRE. The City has made
- 19 good progress in implementing programs for its
- 20 residential, industrial and commercial sectors. For this
- 21 reason, staff also recommends approval of the biennial
- 22 review finding.
- 23 This concludes my presentation.
- 24 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions of staff?
- MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 27 MR. JONES: If my Board Members will bear
- 28 with me for a little bit.

- 1 Covina was a city that came forward, and in
- 2 my briefing, I was informed that they were taking credit
- 3 for inert material that was going to the Newway Landfill
- 4 and the Peck Road Landfill. Both of those facilities are
- 5 inert landfills that are part of the Swiss System, that
- 6 there is issues going on with the operators of those
- 7 facilities that deals with another whole issue.
- 8 It was -- there was a letter that was sent
- 9 to Mr. Mohajer and Mr. Stone from County of L.A. by one of
- 10 the operators, waste management, that said that all
- 11 material that had gone into the Newway Landfill and
- 12 previously had been listed as disposal should now be
- 13 changed to diversion, and when I heard about the inerts,
- 14 obviously I was just a little bit -- my interest was
- 15 piqued.
- 16 So we went through this thing, and actually
- 17 the City -- just so the Board Members understand -- the
- 18 City didn't claim enough diversion. When we did all the
- 19 numbers, they actually came to a higher percentage from 28
- 20 in the book, it really goes up to 29 using legitimate
- 21 diversion. But it gives us an opportunity, and I think
- 22 staff needs to be aware, that while this controversial
- 23 issue is being determined, a city that takes credit for
- 24 diversion of materials just to put into a hole is probably
- 25 problematic; and if you use the data from L.A. County --
- 26 and I want to thank staff for putting this thing together
- 27 on such short notice. I know you had to work very, very
- 28 hard -- but when you look at all of the landfills in L.A.

- 1 County, and I'll use the ones that are in question
- 2 here, Newway, Live Oak Landfill, what they determined to
- 3 be received at the gate diverted and then landfill amounts
- 4 to, in their numbers, 9 percent that is diverted from that
- 5 site.
- 6 That diversion is legitimate in my mind
- 7 because it is to build the infrastructure -- how you're
- 8 going to fill that pit, how you're going to build the
- 9 roads, and all the things you have to do, which is a
- 10 normal, beneficial use at any landfill in California.
- 11 Peck Road Landfill, on the other hand,
- 12 shows 85 percent diversion. I think staff needs to take a
- 13 visit of the Peck Road Landfill to determine what they
- 14 quantify as landfill and what they quantify as diversion
- 15 and exactly how they're doing it. And then the Reliance
- 16 Pit, which is another of the three facilities that we're
- 17 dealing with, shows zero diversion, that it's all
- 18 landfill.
- 19 So the argument that was presented that
- 20 says all this should be counting as diversion isn't even
- 21 consistent with their own reporting, because they've
- 22 actually made a determination as to what's beneficial use
- 23 and what isn't, so I think we need to be aware of that.
- 24 think we need to go through there.
- 25 And I think people need to understand that
- 26 on January 27th, there was an agenda item, and the motion
- 27 that followed was made by Senator Roberti. Let me tell
- 28 you what the item was. "Consideration of staff

- 1 recommendation for revisions to the proposed construction
- 2 demolition/inert debris regulations and approval of notice
- 3 of 15-day comment period." The motion was by Senator
- 4 Roberti and directed staff to report back on used and
- 5 existing mine reclamation sites -- quarries -- that are
- 6 possibly subject to any agency purview -- Department of
- 7 Conservation, Division of Mining and Geology, the Waste
- 8 Board and the agency enforcing SMARA. Specifically the
- 9 report should cover the following: Jurisdictional
- 10 conflicts between agencies, number of sites, a general
- 11 description of each location -- remote, populated -- what
- 12 is the quantity and general composition of the waste being
- 13 accepted, which sites are charging a tipping fee and how
- 14 much, what definitions of beneficial reuse have been used
- 15 in the past, make a determination as to whether these are
- 16 disposal sites, and implications of pending legislation.
- 17 Mr. Eaton -- Chairman Eaton, seconded that
- 18 and it was a unanimous vote.
- 19 I made a second motion that staff bring
- 20 back the SMARA information and start the 15-day comment
- 21 period. Clearly there was an action by this Board in
- 22 January to determine the issues that we're dealing with.
- 23 To circumvent that by saying this material in their view
- 24 is beneficial use when we haven't had -- when our staff
- 25 hasn't brought back to us this, for whatever the reason,
- 26 needs to be -- we need to have our time to deal with the
- 27 policy issues. But I do think it's interesting that these
- 28 same entities had claimed 9 percent diversion, 85 percent

- 1 diversion and zero percent diversion where now it is 100
- 2 percent diversion and no fees and diversion credit.
- 3 So we are not the enemy of the cities that
- 4 are trying to get credit for this material, but we need to
- 5 be consistent. And this is a policy issue that I needed
- 6 to take the time, and I thank you for the indulgence to
- 7 get that on the record because I think it is a critical
- 8 piece.
- 9 With that, I would move adoption -- I've
- 10 got two inches of paper on this thing. With this --
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones, before you go,
- 12 I don't know if anyone has a comment or Mr. Pennington was
- 13 getting ready.
- MR. PENNINGTON: No.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: I would like to say thank
- 16 you to you. I know it incites your blood pressure, and I
- 17 don't want to make light of this, but perhaps we could
- 18 enlist you as one of our staff. You continually give us
- 19 numbers and work off formulas that are helpful to all of
- 20 us as we go through this.
- 21 You were in the business and you were
- 22 there, and it's beneficial for all of us to see how you
- 23 arrive at it. We are even picking up some things about
- 24 pounds per person which I didn't have when I looked at
- 25 the form. I think that's helpful and I appreciate your
- 26 efforts.
- 27 MR. JONES: Thank you.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I would say that Mr. Jones

- 1 brings up an interesting point, and that is that they're
- 2 asking to be exempt from the fee, but yet want to use it
- 3 as diversion. I think that's something we need to look
- 4 at.
- 5 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones, get ready.
- 7 MR. JONES: And I would like to thank
- 8 Covina for hitting 29 percent legitimately.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: What were they before you
- 10 found out they weren't counting stuff?
- MR. JONES: Actually, 28. We added a
- 12 percent to it. We took the inert out that shouldn't be
- 13 there and still got one more percent.
- 14 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you for being on our
- 15 side.
- MR. JONES: You betcha. Thank you. I move
- 17 Resolution 1999-303 to change the base-year to 1997.
- 18 MR. PENNINGTON: Seconded.
- 19 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Mr. Jones
- 20 moves and Mr. Pennington seconds to adopt 1999-303.
- 21 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 26 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 27 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 28 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 2 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 4 MR. JONES: I would like to move Resolution
- 5 1999-304, which is the staff recommendation on the
- 6 biennial review findings for the SRRE for the City of
- 7 Covina in L.A. County.
- 8 MR. PENNINGTON: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones moves and
- 10 Mr. Pennington seconds adoption of Resolution 1999-304.
- 11 Without objection, substitute the previous role call.
- 12 Hearing no objection, such will be ordered.
- 13 Now, we will take the lunch break until
- 14 2:00.
- 15 (Lunch recess taken.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: We're back in session.
- 17 I will ask any of my colleagues if they
- 18 need to report any ex parte communications.
- 19 Mr. Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: No, Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- MR. JONES: I'm not sure there was dialogue
- 23 back and forth, but I did have a chance to talk to Evan
- 24 Edgar, Josh Pane', George Larson, Mike Mohajer, and Paul
- 25 Ryan on the weather disposal.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti.
- 27 SENATOR ROBERTI: No ex partes,
- 28 Mr. Chairman.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Then what a surprise it is
- 2 that Mr. Jones is who everyone seems to be talking to.
- 3 Aren't you lucky.
- 4 MR. JONES: Thank God it was all in one
- 5 conversation.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right.
- 7 SENATOR ROBERTI: However, Mr. Chairman,
- 8 before we go on to the next item, I would like to sort of
- 9 do a little reprise on where we left off, while I'm
- 10 thinking about it, and that is that -- we were discussing,
- 11 I think, Santa Monica and Covina, and I would like to lay
- 12 this out to the Board for future references.
- 13 That is that I really think the fact that
- 14 we're discussing things in the nature of base-year
- 15 adjustments and things that are not necessarily dealing
- 16 with permitting, dealing with the needs of various parts
- 17 of the state, reinforces in my mind we need to have more
- 18 of our resources in metropolitan areas of the state, and
- 19 you'll be hearing more from me on this subject.
- 20 However, in the old days when we used to
- 21 simply be essentially a permitting office, it made some
- 22 sense having a great concentration sort of centralized.
- 23 That's no longer the case. People need help,
- 24 jurisdictions need help with base-year adjustments. They
- 25 need help with diversion rate, which is what we're all
- 26 about. They need a hands-on approach. We have to engage
- 27 in more education.
- 28 And these things are done if we utilize the

- 1 expertise that you find in our institutions of higher
- 2 education, with environmental groups, with environmental
- 3 lawyers. All knowledge and ability does not repose in
- 4 Sacramento. All needs don't repose in Sacramento.
- 5 So I'm just stating that because we have a
- 6 resource, we have a wealth of needs and a wealth of
- 7 resources outside of the Sacramento metropolitan area that
- 8 we should utilize, and even more so that we should serve.
- 9 I'm just throwing that out. The problems
- 10 that Santa Monica has discovered and that Covina
- 11 discovered, I think we could work with them maybe on a
- 12 more expeditious basis early on, just as a thought, and
- 13 which our resources are a little bit more dispersed. When
- 14 we were a permitting agency essentially, only, I think
- 15 that would be different. In fact, sometimes if you're a
- 16 permitting agency, you wonder if you need to be anything
- 17 but in Sacramento. Maybe I'm wrong. I think that's
- 18 different.
- 19 When we don't utilize in terms of helping
- 20 various entities with their diversion rate, just to
- 21 mention one thing, or helping people with education, this
- 22 wealth of academia that we have and this wealth of
- 23 environmental expertise that we have, and they're not
- 24 essentially based in Sacramento, and sometimes we have to
- 25 affirmatively search out. And just to deploy a small
- 26 percentage of our resources to help do that search-out, I
- 27 do not think is a mismanagement but rather as an enhancer.
- 28 So I'm just throwing that out.

- 1 Those two agenda items sort of prodded me
- 2 to say this, and you'll be hearing more from me on it.
- 3 And that's all I want to say.
- 4 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 6 MR. JONES: I didn't hear Senator Roberti
- 7 include haulers in that group of environmental lawyers and
- 8 environmentalists.
- 9 SENATOR ROBERTI: You're absolutely right.
- 10 MR. JONES: It's this seat that keeps
- 11 finding --
- 12 SENATOR ROBERTI: I think you're absolutely
- 13 right, and I think that's another example. Had we some
- 14 sort of a hands-on urban orientation, one of the
- 15 maleffects of 939, and there have been some, basically
- 16 very beneficial, but one of the adverse effects has been
- 17 the fact that the legislation inadvertently has
- 18 contributed to the consolidation of an industry, and maybe
- 19 in the long run to a monopoly position which is going to
- 20 work adversely to consumers as well as small businesses.
- 21 And I think if removed from that situation, and you're not
- 22 hands-on and seeing it happen on an everyday business and
- 23 you kind of live here, you work as if our good intentions
- 24 are always operating the way they should work.
- 25 Right under our noses, so to speak, we have
- 26 almost seen the elimination of an industry, much more to
- 27 the disadvantage of the consumer than to the industry. I
- 28 suspect many of these people have made a bundle of selling

- 1 out. Many really don't want to sell out, but given the
- 2 absence to make some money -- that's an adverse effect of
- 3 939.
- 4 I think we can be big boys and girls and
- 5 recognize that a good piece of legislation at times has
- 6 adverse effects. That might have happened anyway, but I
- 7 think if we were hands-on, noticing this right away when
- 8 it was happening, maybe we could have done something more
- 9 quickly in response to it. I think your mentioning
- 10 haulers was excellent. I was remiss in forgetting it.
- 11 They're probably the best example of why we need to be
- 12 where the people sort of are.
- MR. JONES: How this works out, I'm not
- 14 sure.
- 15 (Applause)
- MR. JONES: How this works out, I'm not
- 17 sure.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: I think I hear the
- 19 southern California contingency back there, but I'm not
- 20 quite sure.
- 21 (Laughter)
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: You know what happened in
- 23 Bosnia when they started to balcanize, don't you? They
- 24 went to hell.
- MR. JONES: I think a lot of good points
- 26 are well taken. I think it gives us an opportunity to
- 27 talk about, when the Chairman was asking us to give our
- 28 reports, and talk about the involvement that these four

- 1 Members have in going out to the State. I don't think it
- 2 gets to the heart of your issue, but I think it is a
- 3 mitigating factor that these Board Members, I know
- 4 Mr. Eaton and myself, Mr. Pennington and myself and you,
- 5 Senator, spend an awful lot of time making sure we are in
- 6 Orange County, in L.A., in San Bernardino, in Riverside,
- 7 in Imperial, and doing what we can to make sure that we
- 8 are in presence there.
- 9 SENATOR ROBERTI: No doubt.
- 10 MR. JONES: I think that it bears
- 11 discussion. There's no doubt about it, but I think
- 12 that -- I'll say I know that I can speak as one Board
- 13 Member that there's an awful lot of people from Southern
- 14 California that have seen me down there an awful lot
- 15 because that's the only way that we can keep apprised of
- 16 the pulse of what's going on down there as well as
- 17 Northern California, and here in a month we get to go to
- 18 Quincy, and that's good.
- 19 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right.
- 20 Item number 24.
- 21 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Good afternoon, Chairman
- 22 Eaton, Members. I'm Karen Trgovcich, Deputy Director of
- 23 the Waste Prevention and Market Development Division.
- 24 Item Number 24 is consideration and approval of award of
- 25 contract to Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- 26 for the development of the deconstruction training program
- 27 at Kaufman and Broad's Mather housing project.
- 28 On your consent agenda this morning was the

- 1 approval of the scope of work. This is the item to award
- 2 the contract.
- 3 I would be happy to answer any questions.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions, comments?
- 5 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 7 MR. JONES: I would like to move adoption
- 8 of Resolution 1999-291 which is -- make sure I have the
- 9 right one, this is the dollars -- that consideration and approval of
- 10 award of contract to the Sacramento Housing and
- 11 Redevelopment Authority for the development of the deconstruction
- 12 training program at Kaufman and Broad's Mather
- 13 housing project.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I second that.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones moves and
- 16 Mr. Pennington seconds adoption of Resolution 1999-291. Madam
- 17 Secretary, please call the role.
- 18 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 20 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 22 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 23 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 24 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 26 Item number 25.
- 27 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Item 25, Chairman Eaton and Members, is
- 28 consideration and demonstration of ability

- 1 to repay a recycling market development zone loan by a
- 2 local government entity. This item precedes Item 26,
- 3 which is an item that proposes approval of the loan to a
- 4 local government entity.
- 5 Before we get into the loan items, I would
- 6 just like to take an opportunity to announce the new
- 7 interest rate on the low interest loan program. It is
- 8 effective for the period of July through December. As
- 9 you're aware, our interest rate is tied to the Surplus
- 10 Money Investment Fund. Our rate just recently dropped
- 11 from what was 5.6 percent down to 5.1 percent. So for any
- 12 loans that move through prior to the end of this calendar
- 13 year, they will be approved at an interest rate of 5.1
- 14 percent.
- 15 With that, moving into Item 25. Just by
- 16 way of a very brief background, the reason why we are
- 17 bringing this item forward today is because for the first
- 18 time since the loan program began approving loans before
- 19 the Board -- and that was going back to 1993 -- we have a
- 20 local government entity that has applied to the Board for
- 21 a loan under this program.
- 22 There are some things that need to be
- 23 considered by the Board prior to considering whether or
- 24 not to approve the loan under Item Number 26, and Jim La
- 25 Tanner, who is the supervisor in the loan program, will
- 26 describe those five areas of credit that we look at and
- 27 how they may differ.
- 28 JIM LA TANNER: What we did in Agenda Item

- 1 25 is we looked at our current process for establishing
- 2 and underwriting loans for businesses and adapted that to
- 3 public lending. For all loans, whether it's even a home
- 4 mortgage, there's five main criteria that you look at that
- 5 demonstrate an ability to repay it back. The five areas
- 6 are capital, collateral, character, conditions and
- 7 capacity. In the case of a public entity, capital and
- 8 collateral have different considerations. The capital is
- 9 assets minus liabilities for the net worth of the
- 10 business, which in a private business they can liquidate
- 11 the assets, pay of f the debt, and that would be available
- 12 for the remainder to cover the loan.
- 13 However, for a public entity, you don't
- 14 expect a City to do that whereby selling off the assets
- 15 and going out of business. If we do look at the capital
- 16 value of the City -- in the next item you will see there
- 17 is a capital for the City. However, it is a source of
- 18 repayment if they want to move their assets around, but
- 19 we're not looking at it as a source of repayment.
- 20 Collateral is a little bit different.
- 21 We -- for infrastructure projects, primarily for a city,
- 22 you don't expect to actually foreclose on city properties
- 23 such as taking city hail. There are other assets
- 24 available for infrastructure projects such as general
- 25 revenues. If it's a capital improvement project, then
- 26 there may be a building available or a dedicated revenue
- 27 stream. However, the item you'll see next does not have
- 28 that consideration.

- 1 Item 25 is a summary of the five C's of
- 2 credit and how we apply those to public lending. The loan
- 3 committee did discuss this at the last meeting and did not
- 4 have any additional recommendations for this.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions? Do we have
- 6 anyone from local government that would like to comment
- 7 upon the collateralization?
- 8 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 10 MR. JONES: I don't think I have a problem
- 11 with us lending money to a local jurisdiction, but I think
- 12 that the five C's give me a little bit of nervous
- 13 anticipation upon a few issues. One is that you're right.
- 14 We don't get title to city hail. The pledge of revenue,
- 15 one of the questions I asked in my briefing -- and I
- 16 didn't get a response yet -- was does the City Council
- 17 have the ability to overturn somebody else's pledge of
- 18 revenue?
- 19 JIM LA TANNER: Not that we're aware of,
- 20 no.
- 21 MR. JONES: Under 218, the ability of
- 22 cities to raise fees has come in question, and it's used
- 23 for different purposes at different times. It was the
- 24 mantra of cities for a while when it first got done that
- 25 they could never do a rate increase for garbage services,
- 26 even though 218 explicitly removed solid waste collection
- 27 and recycling from what 218 could look at, but it didn't
- 28 stop city attorneys and outside counsel from saying that

- 1 they could not grant rate increases.
- 2 If we are going to lend to a city, there
- 3 needs to be -- it would seem to me there needs to be a
- 4 discussion of a couple things.
- 5 One would be that an outside advisor,
- 6 similar to Peat-Marwick, who you deal with every day, does
- 7 the analysis to determine the feasibility of them paying
- 8 those dollars back and not just the loan committee. It
- 9 would also seem to me that we would need to put in some
- 10 kind of a rider in the condition of the loan -- and I know
- 11 that the next loan coming up they said, if you don't get
- 12 the businesses in in a certain amount of time, you have to
- 13 pay us back in two years.
- 14 I think one thing we have to be aware of is
- 15 that if they use recycling market development's money,
- 16 we've got to tie that to a commitment that there will
- 17 be -- somebody in the law, the PRC Code, says that we can
- 18 only lend money to those jurisdictions, to those entities
- 19 that would fall under that criteria.
- 20 So we don't want to ever run into -- that
- 21 cities can use this money for spec development, for
- 22 speculation development, and then hold ourselves, in hope
- 23 that, in fact, a recycling business goes into that after
- 24 we've built the infrastructure. That would be a -- in my
- 25 mind a real abuse of this fund that is doing an awful lot
- 26 of good for an awful lot of people. And I don't think
- 27 we've thought that out as well as we need to as far as
- 28 demanding that a -- part of the covenant of the loan is

- 1 that they've identified a recycling business to go into
- 2 that partial that's being serviced by this infrastructure,
- 3 not just speculating they might be able to get them if
- 4 they build the road.
- 5 I think those issues clearly need to be
- 6 agreed to that we use a Peat-Marwick, somebody that
- 7 understands the city issues, because you can't get a lien
- 8 on city hail.
- 9 There are, you know -- I'm sure there's
- 10 plenty of people that would like to from time to time,
- 11 different city halls when they come up with a reason why
- 12 not to pay back some money.
- 13 I think those would be my only two real
- 14 suggestions, Mr. Chairman, to use Peat-Marwick to do the
- 15 evaluation and tie a loose agreement or some kind of
- 16 agreement to the use of those funds, because if we just
- 17 speculate to build roads, it's not going to work.
- 18 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Chairman Eaton, if I
- 19 could just offer something in that regard.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: Sure.
- 21 CAREN TRGOVCICH: I think that Member Jones
- 22 is absolutely correct in requesting or directing that
- 23 there be some outside assistance in terms of evaluating
- 24 loans to local governments, and I think that we found the
- 25 Peat-Marwick assistance valuable.
- 26 I think we have a well-trained staff here,
- 27 too. I think Peat-Marwick does bring something in
- 28 addition, or whoever the future contractor is to this

- 1 program of specialized loan assistance.
- 2 With respect to time-specific agreements,
- 3 I'm not quite sure if this is pertaining to Item 26, and
- 4 if you want to look at that.
- 5 We go in and evaluate Item Number 26, but I
- 6 will say that with respect to the loan program, that
- 7 annually under our servicing contract, we go in and
- 8 evaluate the diversion aspect of each one of our loans.
- 9 That is a requirement, and American River Bank currently
- 10 has the servicing contract for our loans to determine
- 11 whether or not they are meeting the diversion tonnages
- 12 that they specified and that were the base of the
- 13 application to the Board at the outset.
- 14 So that is one additional backdrop that the
- 15 Board has, and that is something that can be pursued in
- 1 the event that they are not meeting the specified tonnages
- 17 or not achieving any tonnage diversion at all.
- 18 MR. JONES: That doesn't go to the heart of
- 19 what I said. The heart of my issue was not when somebody
- 20 moves in, but if somebody moves in. Because you're doing
- 21 a spec development on infrastructure which is allowable,
- 22 but it has to be -- there needs to be somebody moving in.
- 23 You build the road out for another half a
- 24 mile and you've got two parcels, and if somebody else
- 25 comes down the road that could enter into a more
- 26 attractive lease agreement with the property owner but it
- 27 doesn't deal with any of the criteria for the RMDZ loan
- 28 program, then really what you've done is taken the dollars

- 1 to help build an infrastructure in a city, to help build
- 2 spec development, not RMDZ development.
- 3 What I'm saying is we need to tie this loan
- 4 to a lease agreement so we know that -- or -- yeah, tie
- 5 this loan to a lease agreement. Right now on 26 what we
- 6 have is the hope that two recycling companies will move
- 7 into that property. If they don't move into the property
- 8 and we use RMDZ to build the road and RCA Victor moves in
- 9 there, those dollars haven't been used appropriately.
- 10 That's all I'm saying. We have to be
- 11 judicious in how we lend that money, not just to foster
- 12 spec development, but foster the infrastructure we need to
- 13 promote RMDZ eligible businesses because that will mirror
- 14 what the PRC code says.
- 15 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Is that an item we could
- 16 take up under Item 26 when we look at the specifics, or is
- 17 that more general in terms --
- 18 MR. JONES: This is a policy item, and I'm
- 19 throwing out what I think needs to be included in the
- 20 policy item. Depending on what my fellow Board Members
- 21 say, it either flies or it doesn't.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I tend to agree with
- 25 Mr. Jones. We don't want to be in a position where we're
- 26 loaning money to develop an industrial park and be assured
- 27 that those businesses that go in there fit the criteria of
- 28 the RMDZ. I think that's what Mr. Jones is saying. Let's

- 1 be sure that through some mechanism, if we loan the money,
- 2 that we're going to get what we want from it.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Let me ask --
- 4 MR. PENNINGTON: We can either do this
- 5 either having online a commitment before we loan the
- 6 money, or a mechanism that says if that doesn't occur,
- 7 then we get the money back with interest.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Let me ask a question, a
- 9 procedural question. The pledge of revenues, was that an
- 10 open question or we had a definitive answer on that?
- 11 JIM LA TANNER: The City of Cloverdale has
- 12 agreed to give us a pledge of general revenues. We would
- 13 perfect that through the UCC finding statement and
- 14 security agreements.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: And who within the City
- 16 has authority to bind those pledge of revenues? Is that
- 17 something that is required by a local governing body? Is
- 18 that required -- it's the attorney, city manager -- trying
- 19 to think of who else might be in a position to -- for
- 20 instance, if it were -- here's where I'm getting at.
- 21 If we were to have -- also to extend
- 22 authorities, for instance, if we were to make a loan to an
- 23 authority -- many of the jurisdictions are forming
- 24 authorities and so on and so forth -- would this extend,
- 25 and therefore, what would be the collateral if there's any
- 26 of those situations? Do they have to pledge a portion of
- 27 it? I'm trying to find out where the parameters are.
- 28 MS. TOBIAS: In this situation with the

- 1 City or County, once they do a pledge of revenue, as long
- 2 as their City Council clarities that, ratifies that, in
- 3 essence --
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: That would take place
- 5 before or after as the loan comes forward?
- 6 MS. TOBIAS: I think Ms. Trgovcich's point
- 7 on that is that they will have to have a resolution on it
- 8 prior to signing the loan documentation. So I'm not --
- 9 from a legal standpoint, I would ordinarily like to see a
- 10 resolution prior to any action or course is taken so we
- 11 don't waste time.
- 12 In this case, the City Manager has
- 13 indicated that the City would do that, and I think --
- 14 although, as I said, I would like to see it beforehand, I
- 15 think in this case they would have to have the resolution.
- 16 CAREN TRGOVCICH: There is a resolution
- 17 dated May 5th that the City of Cloverdale entered into.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: I don't want to mix and
- 19 match. I want to try to keep it on 25 for general policy.
- 20 I think that's where we're going.
- 21 I don't have -- I'm trying to find out
- 22 procedurally what kinds of things as a policy we should
- 23 establish, then once we establish it, we have something to
- 24 apply to a particular situation is all I'm trying to --
- MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 26 MS. TOBIAS: If I could finish your
- 27 question, and I'm sorry, Board Member Pennington.
- 28 Your second part of the question was in the

- 1 case of an authority, how would they do that. Although,
- 2 it would depend to a certain extent on their legal
- 3 charter, if you will, or the agreement that all the
- 4 jurisdictions have put together to put together the
- 5 authority, generally, as long as the authority and its
- 6 governing board members agree to that, then that would be
- 7 a pledge of whatever they were putting up. We would want
- 8 to basically see what purpose they've made for the
- 9 disbandment of their entity and how that would continue as
- 10 a debt in the long run. I think that's again something we
- 11 would want to look at as it comes up.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: What I was trying to say
- 13 is as part of our policy that we were trying to adopt
- 14 here, we go to either a City or County but we don't extend
- 15 it to those other entities until such time as we have the
- 16 ability. I'm not trying -- I'm trying to establish some
- 17 parameters. I'm not trying to get into questions that we
- 18 don't know, but if we do, what is it?
- 19 You're right. There may be some
- 20 authorities that do have the ability to pledge certain
- 21 kinds of collateral. There are others who are just there
- 22 by virtue of the fact that the City Council appoints to
- 23 each jurisdiction to be there and they have no real
- 24 authority other than to go back. They can't even sign a
- 25 letter of support basically for the position.
- 26 Those were the kinds of things that I
- 27 wanted to set as a parameter before we get into a specific
- 28 case or city.

- 1 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 2 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 3 MR. JONES: One other issue on the policy,
- 4 and I'm assuming that as we're talking, if we get
- 5 concurrence on these issues, that becomes the basis for
- 6 the policy.
- 7 Trade and Commerce lends monies to cities
- 8 and counties all the time to help build infrastructure.
- 9 One of the issues that I think needs to be part of this
- 10 policy that differs from Trade and Commerce is that any
- 11 infrastructure that we fund with RMDZ money, the parcels
- 12 need to be contiguous. They have to be part of that,
- 13 serviced by that infrastructure because right now, Trade
- 14 and Commerce could be building part of an infrastructure
- 15 two or three blocks away to enable people to eventually
- 16 get towards an area, and I think we just need to be aware
- 17 of that.
- 18 It would make me feel better anyway that
- 19 dollars that we're going to lend for the infrastructure
- 20 are contiguous to the parcels that at some point are going
- 21 to be housed by RMDZ-eligible businesses and not something
- 22 a-little-bit-down-the-road-type of thing. I just think it
- 23 needs to be spelled out.
- 24 CAREN TRGOVCICH: I believe that the
- 25 statute in that regard specifies that a local government
- 26 can receive funds for projects that directly benefit a
- 27 recycling-based business. We'll take a look at that and
- 28 see if that's sufficient. If it isn't, then we will

- 1 incorporate it.
- 2 MR. JONES: That was the issue I was
- 3 dealing with. I don't want to get -- my view is it can't
- 4 just benefit. I would like to see is be contiguous. The
- S word "benefit" is suggestive and could be an off-ramp six
- 6 blocks away. That would definitely benefit an area that
- 7 that off-ramp is going to sell. Is that what we want to
- 8 use RMDZ money for?
- 9 I'm only bringing these items up because
- 10 this is a policy that is going to be used when more of
- 11 these types of loans come forward, and I want to make sure
- 12 that we have -- while we can't lock up all the issues, we
- 13 need to at least be aware of, I think, some general
- 14 provisions that we've articulated today, at least as a
- 15 starting spot.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Could these proceeds be
- 17 used to finance the construction of a road leading into a
- 18 public landfill?
- 19 CAREN TRGOVCICH: It would not be
- 20 considered a recycling-based business.
- 21 MR. JONES: What if they did diversion?
- 22 CAREN TRGOVCICH: It would have to be
- 23 considered a separate project, and that would have to fit
- 24 the Board's eligibility criteria as a recycling-based
- 25 business and fit the Board's eligibility criteria that you
- 26 adopted.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: We probably could get
- 28 Mr. Pennington and Senator Roberti to agree that only if

- 1 that road had rubberized asphalt.
- 2 (Laughter)
- 3 SENATOR ROBERTI: Give me a couple of
- 4 months.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: Absolutely. I agree. I
- 6 need all the help I can get on procurement. It's not the
- 7 easiest thing out there. I'm trying to figure out a
- 8 way -- I think it's right that there is a need and it's a
- 9 good thing. How we get it to hedge against those kinds of
- 10 situations, I guess, may be on a case-by-case basis, but
- 11 there should be something at least in the policy stating
- 12 we want it to be as specific as possible so that you have
- 13 something by which to draw and until we're able to develop
- 14 much more specific criteria.
- 15 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman, I think I
- 16 hear what you're saying, is that maybe we're rushing this
- 17 judgment on this a little bit. While I'd like to find a
- 18 way to go ahead and fund 26, I'm not sure that we
- 19 shouldn't have more of a document here including some of
- 20 Mr. Jones's thoughts and some other thoughts.
- 21 I don't have a problem with loaning money
- 22 to local government either. We used to do it all the time
- 23 in the Department of Housing, and if my memory works
- 24 correctly, we used to accept the City Council, their
- 25 authorization and those kinds of things. I don't know.
- 26 I think we're at a point where we ought to
- 27 be maybe looking at this a little bit harder, if we can
- 28 find a way to fund this one.

- 1 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Perhaps -- I'm hearing
- 2 two elements to the discussion here. Item Number 25 was
- 3 originally focussed very narrowly on the credit piece,
- 4 how do you look at local governments from a credit
- 5 perspective, how do you underwrite a loan.
- 6 I'm hearing separately from that concern
- 7 expressed on the part of several of the Members around
- 8 the -- what types of projects do you want to make this
- 9 money available for, and in the eligibility item that came
- 10 forward several months ago, there was not much discussion
- 11 on distinction of projects for local governments around
- 12 infrastructure or capital improvements. They are
- 13 basically drawn along the same lines as for private
- 14 businesses, recycling-based businesses that we lend to.
- 15 I'm hearing two elements of discussion.
- 16 One is the credit, but more importantly I'm hearing
- 17 concern about what kind of projects do we want to lend to,
- 18 what ties do we want to recycling, how close and how
- 19 direct, and is it a freeway off-ramp and some other
- 20 concerns.
- 21 So maybe what we need to do is bring back
- 22 that eligibility item just as it pertains to lending to
- 23 local governments and flush that out and get much more
- 24 specificity around what we mean by infrastructure, do we
- 25 want roads or not. If we do, how closely tied do they
- 26 need to be to the businesses that are benefitting from
- 27 them, are there recycling-based activities that you do not
- 28 want infrastructure projects to provide funding for, that

- 1 you may otherwise agree to for a private entity.
- 2 I'm hearing two things -- Member
- 3 Pennington, your question was how do we get at those
- 4 broader issues that the Members have raised here and maybe
- 5 still be able to hear Item 26. And one option that I
- 6 would offer is to consider Item 25 as just pertaining to
- 7 the credit, with direction back to us that what you want
- 8 to discuss in addition is the broader eligibility issues,
- 9 and then come back with that item in the coming months.
- 10 MR. PENNINGTON: Yeah. I think that would
- 11 probably be okay with me. I would like to look at this in
- 12 terms of eligibility. You know, when you stop and think
- 13 about it, there are less sources of funding for local
- 14 communities to do infrastructure and maybe it's -- maybe
- 15 that's an area we shouldn't be in. Maybe it's an area
- 16 that is better served by the redevelopment agencies and
- 17 Trade and Commerce and HCDs, Community Development block
- 18 grants and those kinds of things, and that we should be
- 19 directing ours more at businesses that are actually doing
- 20 recycling or using recycled products.
- 21 You know, I don't feel comfortable in
- 22 making that kind of decision today. I would like to look
- 23 at it more and think about it. I'm willing to do what you
- 24 suggest and use this as an eligibility, credit
- 25 eligibility, so we can get on to the next one. I think
- 26 the next one I've looked at, and it's fairly reasonable to
- 27 me.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: So perhaps -- any other

- 1 comments? That perhaps maybe, without setting a time
- 2 certain, that we'll bring back the item of the overall
- 3 policy, not only along the credit lines, but other kinds
- 4 of eligibility criteria for any kind of loan.
- 5 I think there's a basic feeling here that
- 6 it's a policy that should be supported. Why can't we go
- 7 and give a loan to a private entity or any other entity
- 8 when sometimes some of the jurisdictions actually want to
- 9 do something themselves and finance it that way. I think
- 10 from that standpoint, it may very well fit into our
- 11 overall long-term goals of SB 1066, extensions and good
- 12 faith efforts, and people that want to try and do
- 13 something in their community. I think from that
- 14 standpoint, being consistent in the policy is good, but
- 15 what are those. I'm sorry, Senator.
- 16 SENATOR ROBERTI: Just in my discussions
- 17 with staff, the only reason why I can see why we would
- 18 make a distinction as between municipal and private loans
- 19 would be in the issue of collateral, and I don't see it as
- 20 a significant measure. The cities aren't going to skip
- 21 town and go to Brazil, and there's plenty of leverage that
- 22 the state government has on them, both in what they S
- 23 procure, what they need, that we are not without leverage
- 24 that we don't even have with private parties.
- 25 I think they should be treated just as a
- 26 private entities are and may the best proposal win the
- 27 day. I hope that is --
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: That's what I was saying.

- 1 SENATOR ROBERTI: -- the goal, that we're
- 2 moving forward.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: We shouldn't create
- 4 artificial distinctions when none really exist in terms of
- 5 what the overall thrust is. If we could do that, and as
- 6 quickly as you feel, if -- we won't set a date here, I
- 7 think, to be able to bring it back, and I would also like
- 8 to maybe think about some of the comments that were made
- 9 and maybe want to go to each individual office to get some
- 10 ideas from some of the associations, what would be helpful
- 11 to them, what constraints.
- 12 CAREN TRGOVCICH: We' 11 do that. We' 11
- 13 strive to put this back on the October agenda. I believe
- 14 in September we have the agenda item of residences as
- 15 collateral that will be coming forward on the agenda. So
- 16 we will strive to put this on for October.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Item Number 26, I believe
- 18 it is.
- 19 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Item Number 26 is the
- 20 first of three loans that we're bringing forward for you
- 21 today, and this one is the consideration of the
- 22 application for the City of Cloverdale for a Recycling
- 23 Development Market Program loan. Jim will briefly
- 24 describe the project for you.
- 25 JIM LA TANNER: Jim La Tanner, Supervisor
- 26 of the RMDZ loan program. This agenda item, the City is
- 27 requesting a \$300,000 loan to double the length of a
- 28 street. Currently there is one business located on that

- 1 street that is a recycling-based business. By lengthening
- 2 the street, two adjacent parcels to the existing business
- 3 would be made available for several recycling-based
- 4 businesses to locate on.
- 5 Three businesses are targeted to look at
- 6 that site. One is probably a definite but hadn't signed
- 7 any paperwork with that. Reuser, Inc., currently located
- 8 on that street, is continuing a 50-percent match of
- 9 \$314,000. In the past, the Board has contributed over \$1
- 10 million for similar improvements to bring the water and
- 11 sewer lines and street improvements up to the current.
- 12 They feel now the City should be a part of
- 13 the project at this time. The City has agreed to pledge a
- 14 general revenue to provide some form of collateral. We
- 15 have looked at the other avenues such as loan default
- 16 insurance, but that is not available on municipal loans
- 17 under \$1 million at this time, but we're still pursuing
- 18 that in the overall sense.
- 19 The City is very small, and at this time
- 20 we did talk to them about other collateral, like a vacant
- 21 lot or something. There isn't any readily available. We
- 22 have talked to them about a special tax assessment for
- 23 this one area, but the voters probably would not approve
- 24 that Street and there's no residential properties on it.
- 25 So we're bringing the item forward, showing 0
- 26 there is collateral in the form of a pledge of general
- 27 revenues and the City has agreed to that at this time.
- 28 CAREN TRGOVCICH: There was one change made

- 1 by the loan committee as we brought this item forward, and
- 2 one additional change they added was that since this was
- 3 an infrastructure project, that two years from the date of
- 4 completion of the improvements themselves, in order to
- 5 give time for the construction of structures and the
- 6 bringing of sewer and water, that there be recycling-based
- 7 businesses occupying the adjacent parcels, and if that is
- 8 not the case, the payments on the loan will be accelerated
- 9 to a measure such that it would meet market rate
- 10 requirements. And that is an additional covenant placed
- 11 in the loan.
- 12 So Member Jones, at this point what I would
- 13 like to ask you, going back to the prior item, is you
- 14 requested -- your direction was that there would be
- 15 specific lease agreements tied in with the covenants in
- 16 the loan documents themselves, and that would then pertain
- 17 to the two adjacent parcels and commitments to occupy
- 18 those parcels. Are those additional requirements that you
- 19 would like to see in this loan?
- 20 MR. JONES: I don't know how this loan
- 21 complies with the RMDZ loan unless they're not there. I
- 22 think they have to be there to be eligible.
- 23 CAREN TRGOVCICH: That's why the two-year
- 24 loan committee covenant was placed in. We can add in and
- 25 see if the City will agree and can obtain the additional
- 26 lease agreements.
- MR. JONES: I think that prior to funding
- 28 that would make me feel a lot better. I'm worried about

- 1 the spec development issue if somebody bolts. If the
- 2 two-year eligibility is -- when you say "accelerated to
- 3 market rate," does that mean it goes from 6.1 to 5.6 or --
- 4 CAREN TRGOVCICH: It would go up to
- 5 whatever -- I think the current market rate is prime plus
- 6 one.
- 7 MR. JONES: Over a shorter period of seven
- 8 years --
- 9 CAREN TRGOVCICH: We would accelerate.
- 10 Correct.
- 11 MR. JONES: I don't have any problem with
- 12 lending money to cities, I just want to make sure -- my
- 13 bigger problem is a policy issue, where the development of
- 14 a policy is the work that this Board should do, and I want
- 15 to make sure this Board does that work, as all the Board
- 16 Members I think want to ensure that they do.
- 17 The loan, in and of itself, I don't have a
- 18 problem with, but I think that the issue of who's making
- 19 policy is the issue that I think is important, and I
- 20 haven't heard anybody at this time say anything different.
- 21 If getting a lease is too much of a
- 22 stretch, I would think some kind of a commitment and the
- 23 two years that they've got to be there and then you
- 24 accelerate the process would probably work for me under
- 25 this situation, but I will tell you, it would not work for
- 26 me once we develop the policy because I don't want to see
- 27 this used for spec development.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: The loan is a ten-year

- 1 term; correct? The loan.
- 2 JIM LA TANNER: Yes. It's a ten-year loan.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: You'd be looking for a
- 4 two-year lease or roughly 20 percent of the term.
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Should be signed and in
- 6 place within the two years; is that correct?
- 7 MR. JONES: That's what the loan committee
- 8 had suggested.
- 9 JIM LA TANNER: The loan committee
- 10 suggested that upon completion of the street, that two
- 11 recycling-based businesses would be located on those
- 12 parcels within the two-year period. They came up with two
- 13 years to give them time. It's a vacant, undeveloped lot.
- 14 They have to build a structure on it.
- 15 The lease would be between Reuser, Inc. and
- 16 that business, since the City doesn't actually own the
- 17 land in that case.
- 18 MR. PENNINGTON: Reuser, Inc. owns those
- 19 two parcels; right?
- 20 JIM LA TANNER: Correct. Reuser, Inc. owns
- 21 the real estate.
- MR. JONES: Well, it's getting quiet in
- 23 here.
- 24 CHAIRMAN EATON: Pondering.
- MR. JONES: Pondering. I know. It's --
- 26 what is the appropriate --
- 27 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator.

- 1 SENATOR ROBERTI: I'm not conflicted on the
- 2 matter. I'd like to move Resolution 1999-266 in.
- 3 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: Senator Roberti moves and
- 5 Mr. Pennington seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-266
- 6 relative to the loan to the City of Cloverdale.
- 7 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 9 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 10 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 12 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 13 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 14 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- I would like to request one more thing,
- 17 though. Before any other loans come before the Board, that we at
- 18 least -- it's probably good we had have had discussion so that we
- 19 don't put ourselves in this position
- 20 again where we have a situation where we have a local entity who
- 21 really, I think, probably wants to have a good project and will
- 22 have a good project, but we need to have
- 23 some sort of assurances. want to kind of see where
- 24 We do have a matter set for 3:00. I just we can kind of --
- 25 if we could just -- I'd like to try and -- you've
- 26 got what, two more loans? We'll complete the two loans and hear the
- 27 AB 59 appeal which will be -- and then
- 28 we can come back to the

- 1 other one involved with the parent policy and the other.
- 2 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Item Number 27 is
- 3 consideration of approval of the RMDZ loan for MBA
- 4 Polymers. Jim will give a very brief description.
- 5 JIM LA TANNER: MBA Polymers has approached
- 6 the Board once again for an RMDZ loan in the amount of \$1
- 7 million. They're located in the Contra Costa RMDZ, to
- 8 purchase and install machinery and equipment for a new
- 9 project that they are currently not doing. As a result,
- 10 an additional diversion is a 10-year loan fully amortized.
- 11 As a result of this loan, they will annually over the next
- 12 five years divert an additional of 15,986 tons of material
- 13 from the landfill each year.
- 14 Apparently they have one RM]DZ loan. All
- 15 payments have been as agreed, no late payments, and in
- 16 full compliance with all of the existing loan covenants.
- 17 CAREN TRGOVCICH: The loan committee made
- 18 one change to this loan, and that was to require
- 19 additional infusion of capital by other investors. That
- 20 will be a condition prior to funding of the loan. They
- 21 specified the additional infusion of capital as -- was it
- 22 an additional \$1 million?
- 23 JIM LA TANNER: Correct.
- 24 CAREN TRGOVCICH: And MBA is in the process
- 25 of achieving agreement.
- 26 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions or comments?
- 27 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.

- 1 MR. JONES: I would like to move Resolution
- 2 1999-288. Anything that helps plastic.
- 3 (Laughter)
- 4 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second that.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Mr. Jones
- 6 moves and Mr. Pennington seconds that we adopt Resolution
- 7 1999-288.
- 8 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 9 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 10 MR. JONES: Aye.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 13 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 14 Chairman Eaton.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 16 Put the bill -- see, there I go right
- 17 there. Put the Resolution on call. Senator Roberti had
- 18 to take a call.
- 19 Next item.
- 20 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Item Number 28 is
- 21 consideration of approval of the RMDZ loan application for
- 22 Marspring Corporation. This is not plastic, but it's
- 23 fiber. Jim will briefly present this item to you.
- 24 I would like to point out that we have
- 25 raised in the agenda item itself a discussion matter for
- 26 the Board, in that the Board has not established policy,
- 27 the policy in this area in the past, but this will be the
- 28 third loan that Marspring has approached the Board for

- 1 under this program.
- 2 JIM LA TANNER: Agenda Item 28, Marspring Corp.,
- 3 d.b.a. Los Angeles Fiber Company is requesting a \$500,000 RMDZ loan
- 4 for machinery and equipment, some working capital, for
- 5 a seven-year term. As a result of this project, an
- 6 additional 3,690 tons of solid waste will be diverted from the
- 7 landfill annually and verified by us.
- 8 They currently have two loans. All
- 9 payments have been made as agreed. They're in
- 10 full compliance with all loan covenants and financial,
- 11 conditions and clearly demonstrate the ability
- 12 historically to repay the loan.
- The loan committee approved this loan as
- 14 presented without any additional concerns.
- 15 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Can you give a total of
- 18 what they owe us?
- 19 JIM LA TANNER: \$2, 100, 000.
- MR. PENNINGTON: This would make it \$3.1.
- 21 JIM LA TANNER: That's including this.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of --
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: Before you go,
- 24 Mr. Pennington.
- MR. JONES: Just one quick question. Three
- 26 different loans for three different projects, three
- 27 different processes. Not three loans to support one
- 28 project?

- 1 JIM LA TANNER: Correct. There's three
- 2 separate divisions of the company. Each is separate from
- 3 the other. There's the expanding what they're currently
- 4 doing. This is a new process. This is mattress -- shoddy
- 5 fiber for futon mattresses. They are currently not
- 6 producing shoddy fiber for this purpose. It's an
- 7 additional new division started for them.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Are there different assets
- 9 or collateral for each of the different loans --
- 10 JIM LA TANNER: In this loan --
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: -- or are they the same?
- 12 JIM LA TANNER: They're purchasing
- 13 additional equipment for this loan that we're taking
- 14 collateral on and also -- with the existing loans --
- 15 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington, now.
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of
- 18 Resolution 1999-287.
- 19 MR. JONES: I'll second.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington moves and
- 21 Mr. Jones seconds that we adopt 1999-287.
- 22 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 25 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 27 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 28 Chairman Eaton.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 2 Also place that on call. Items 27 and 28
- 3 will be on call the hour of 3:00 having just arrived, as
- 4 previously mentioned, we have an item, an AB 59 appeal,
- 5 Item Number 32, consideration of whether this Board shall
- 6 accept the appeal by Safety-Kleen of cease and desist
- 7 order issued by the Imperial County Local Enforcement
- 8 Agency respecting its Hazardous Waste Facility at
- 9 Westmorland, California.
- 10 Mr. Bledsoe, welcome.
- 11 MR. BLEDSOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 Good afternoon, Members of the Board. My name is Michael
- 13 Bledsoe. I'm with the legal office.
- 14 The matter before the Board in Item 32 is
- 15 whether the Board should accept Safety-Kleen's appeal of a
- 16 cease and desist order issued by the Imperial County Local
- 17 Enforcement Agency.
- 18 The basic issue arises from Public
- 19 Resources Code Section 44103B which requires that
- 20 facilities, which accept hazardous waste and other solid
- 21 waste, shall have two permits from the Department of Toxic
- 22 Substances Control, a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, and
- 23 from the Local Enforcement Agency and Integrated Waste
- 24 Board a Solid Waste Facility Permit.
- 25 Safety-Kleen at its Westmorland facility
- 26 has a hazardous waste facility, accepts and disposes of
- 27 hazardous waste and certain non-hazardous waste.
- 28 Safety-Kleen has a Class I from DTSC, but does not have a

- 1 Solid Waste Facility Permit from the LEA and the Waste
- 2 Board.
- 3 The type of waste in question is
- 4 non-putrescible, non-hazardous industrial wastes. These
- 5 are wastes that many of which would be termed under the
- 6 Water Code definition as "designated waste." So there are
- 7 wastes that have some level of contamination. They
- 8 contain a toxic substance, but they do not contain so much
- 9 of that substance that they're actually treated as
- 10 hazardous under hazardous waste laws. Examples would
- 11 include contaminated dirt, perhaps contaminated with
- 12 petroleum products or from a hazardous waste cleanup
- 13 operation, geothermal waste, tank bottoms, industrial
- 14 sludge, construction and demolition waste that might be
- 15 contaminated with asbestos or lead. These are not MSW,
- 16 municipal solid wastes. We're talking non-putrescible
- 17 industrial wastes.
- 18 They are disposed of in a hazardous waste
- 19 facility on the desire of the generator really to obtain
- 20 the best protection the generator can from future
- 21 liability for the waste in question.
- 22 There's some concern -- and certainly the
- 23 appellant can speak better than I can -- but there's some
- 24 concern on the part of the generator that if they deposit
- 25 these contaminated, but non-hazardous waste in a municipal
- 26 solid waste landfill, there's always the risk that they
- 27 will become liable for someone else's waste that was
- 28 deposited in that solid waste facility.

- 1 Of course, laws do change, so what's
- 2 non-hazardous today may be hazardous tomorrow. So if
- 3 you're in that business, it does make some sense to put
- 4 these contaminated but non-hazardous wastes in a hazardous
- 5 waste facility.
- 6 The Local Enforcement Agency took action
- 7 and issued a cease and desist order against Safety-Kleen
- 8 require it stop accepting these wastes until it has
- 9 obtained a solid waste facility permit. Safety-Kleen
- 10 appealed to the LEA. The Imperial County Board of
- 11 Supervisors refused to hold a hearing, refused to convene
- 12 a hearing panel, so under Section 4503A, Safety-Kleen has
- 13 appealed to the Waste Board.
- 14 Under AB 59, we have a two-step process of
- 15 which this is the first step. What you're considering
- 16 today is whether the Board should accept or will accept
- 17 Safety-Kleen's appeal, which if Safety-Kleen has raised
- 18 substantial issues in its appeal, it would be proper for
- 19 the Board to accept the appeal. If the Board accepts the
- 20 appeal, it should set a hearing on the merits within 60
- 21 days from today.
- 22 Staff has found that Safety-Kleen has
- 23 raised substantial issues in its appeal. These are
- 24 outlined in the proposed resolution that's in your agenda
- 25 packet. Among those substantial issues are Safety-Kleen's
- 26 assertion that the Local Enforcement Agency has
- 27 incorrectly interpreted the Public Resources Code section
- 28 that I cited that's at the root of this problem.

- 1 It points out that the non-hazardous wastes
- 2 in question are non-putrescible and do not give rise to
- 3 the same kind of public health and safety and
- 4 environmental concerns that municipal solid waste do in
- 5 which the Waste Board regulates; that a memorandum of
- 6 understanding among key state agencies in 1979 is intended
- 7 to authorize the disposal of these non-hazardous wastes at
- 8 hazardous waste facilities without a Solid Waste Facility
- 9 Permit; that a number of generators of non-hazardous waste
- 10 desire to dispose of their waste in hazardous waste
- 11 facilities; that the environmental protections enjoyed or
- 12 provided at a Class I hazardous waste facility are higher
- 13 than at a Class II or III solid waste facility; and that
- 14 this matter is of statewide concern since a large number,
- 15 on the order of 160, hazardous waste facilities, including
- 16 transfer and storage, as well as disposal facilities,
- 17 accept non-hazardous waste of the sort in question here.
- 18 The appeal also gives rise to a number of
- 19 other substantial issues involving such things as the
- 20 proper interpretation under principals of statutory
- 21 construction of this Public Resources Code section to
- 22 which I've referred. The fact that this is a statewide
- 23 matter, since all three of the Class I hazardous waste
- 24 facilities in California manage these non-hazardous wastes
- 25 in the same way, that is none of the three have a Solid
- 26 Waste Facility Permit, there are implications for local
- 27 agencies planning for hazardous waste facilities and solid
- 28 waste facilities and there are aggressions involving the

- 1 proper applicability of waste disposal fees on the waste
- 2 in question.
- 3 Accordingly, staff recommends that the
- 4 Board find that substantial issues have been raised by the
- 5 Safety-Kleen appeal; that the Board accept the appeal; and
- 6 that you set a hearing on the merits within 60 days, which
- 7 would run on September 27th, 1999 -- that would be the
- 8 last day on which you could have the hearing unless
- 9 Safety-Kleen consented to a longer period; and that with
- 10 one amendment, which I will provide you, that the Board
- 11 adopt Resolution 1999-332.
- 12 I would like to correct a typographical
- 13 error in the resolution. It's on the second page in the
- 14 list of Substantial Issues that Safety-Kleen has raised.
- 15 It's the fourth item which begins, "That numerous
- 16 generators of hazardous wastes," that should say -- and
- 17 I'd like to correct it to read, "That numerous generators
- 18 of such non-hazardous wastes desire to dispose their waste
- 19 in a hazardous waste facility." The point being made by
- 20 that provision is that generators of these non-hazardous
- 21 waste want to put them in hazardous waste facilities.
- 22 Thank you very much.
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions of
- 24 Mr. Bledsoe? Mr. Hart.
- 25 MR. HART: Mr. Chairman and Members, Gordon
- 26 Hart on behalf of Safety-Kleen Westmorland, Inc. We very
- 27 much appreciate the staff recommendation the Board accept
- 28 the appeal, and we understand that what is before the

- 1 Board today is the issue of simply whether or not the
- 2 Board will accept the appeal and that the merits of the
- 3 appeal would wait until another date.
- 4 We would like to make some brief comments
- 5 about the resolution that is before you. Before
- 6 specifically addressing the resolution, in order to
- 7 understand those comments, we would just like to emphasize
- 8 we think there are three major issues that are raised by
- 9 this appeal.
- 10 The first is the interpretation of a
- 11 20-year-old statute which uses terms in very different
- 12 ways than we might today understand those terms that are
- 13 used. It's a 20-year-old statute that was enacted before
- 14 there was even a federal or state hazardous waste
- 15 statutory regulatory scheme.
- 16 The second issue is a Memorandum of
- 17 Understanding that Mr. Bledsoe referred to. That was
- 18 entered into in 1979, less than a year after that statute
- 19 was passed, by the predecessor agency to this Board, the
- 20 State Water Board, and the predecessor agency of the
- 21 Department of Toxics. That Memorandum of Understanding
- 22 clearly indicates that the agencies believe that
- 23 facilities taking the kind of waste at issue here should
- 24 not have to have a Solid Waste Facilities Permit.
- 25 The third major issue that is raised is the
- 26 fact that the type of waste that we are talking about --
- 27 and Mr. Bledsoe did a good job of characterizing --
- 28 industrial, non-putrescible, contaminated wastes; that

- 1 those wastes have been accepted by this facility in
- 2 Westmorland since 1982, have been accepted by all of the
- 3 Class I hazardous waste disposal facilities in California,
- 4 without any agency ever issuing a cease and desist order
- 5 or otherwise indicating throughout that entire period that
- 6 they should have to have a Solid Waste Facilities Permit
- 7 to accept these kinds of contaminated industrial wastes
- 8 that are very similar to the other wastes that they take
- 9 that are part of their DTSC permit.
- 10 With those three issues in mind, I would
- 11 just like to make three brief comments about the
- 12 resolution. The first "whereas" clause -- and the first
- 13 four I've taken together -- paint a picture that we would
- 14 like to just put a little more detail into the picture for
- 15 you than is painted in the stark terms of those first four
- 16 "whereas" clauses.
- 17 What this Board is going to be asked to
- 18 consider, if it accepts this appeal, is what the terms
- 19 "hazardous" and "non-hazardous" and "other solid wastes"
- 20 means within the meaning of Section 44103. And we would
- 21 just point out that in these "whereas" clauses, the
- 22 richness of the controversy that is before the Board with
- 23 regard to what the terms "hazardous," "non-hazardous," and
- 24 "other solid wastes" mean as used in this statute.
- 25 That richness is not fully reflected here,
- 26 and we would just, for the record, like to indicate our
- 27 position that a key part of the issue before the Board is
- 28 what the meaning of those terms are as it relates to this

- 1 statute.
- 2 The second comment I would like to make
- 3 about the resolution before you is in the sixth "whereas"
- 4 clause which starts, "Upon learning that Safety-Kleen
- 5 accepted and disposed non-hazardous waste in its facility,
- 6 the Imperial County LEA ordered Safety-Kleen to cease
- 7 accepting non-hazardous waste." we believe that "whereas"
- 8 clause gives a misperception of the timing here.
- 9 It is not the case that Imperial County
- 10 found out that Safety-Kleen was accepting these kind of
- 11 wastes and then immediately issued a cease and desist
- 12 order. Imperial County has known that Safety-Kleen was
- 13 accepting these wastes for at least a decade, and almost
- 14 assuredly since 1982 when the facility, under prior
- 15 ownerships, had operated.
- 16 Imperial County receives monthly reports
- 17 from Safety-Kleen about the tonnages of both hazardous
- 18 waste and non-hazardous waste, identified as such, that is
- 19 accepted. We are not certain why, after this years of
- 20 knowledge of receiving these reports, Imperial County
- 21 decided to issue a cease and desist order on the basis of
- 22 this statute, but it is not fair to say it was done upon
- 23 learning. They have known it for a long time.
- 24 Finally, we would just like to point out
- 25 that in the list of substantial issues -- and we agree
- 26 these are the substantial issues raised by this appeal --
- 27 in the last "whereas" clause, where the resolution
- 28 indicates that there are further substantial issues, we

- 1 fully understand that this Board is and should be very
- 2 interested in the last two issues listed there related to
- 3 the impact of the receipt of these kind of waste, on
- 4 diversion issues and in fees, but we would respectfully
- 5 urge this Board to separate its consideration of those
- 6 issues from the direct consideration of this appeal.
- 7 We do not believe that in a formal sense
- 8 either fees or diversion requirements are raised by this
- 9 appeal. What is before this Board is -- what will be
- 10 before this Board, if the Board accepts this appeal, is
- 11 whether or not Safety-Kleen Westmorland needs to have a
- 12 Solid Waste Facility Permit.
- 13 Formally what will not be before the Board
- 14 is whether or not it needs to pay fees or what the
- 15 diversion requirements are. We understand that's of
- 16 interest to the Board. That is of interest to us, and we
- 17 believe those are policy issues this Board is going to
- 18 have to grapple with after this appeal is dealt with, and
- 19 we would be happy to participate in providing input to
- 20 that.
- 21 We would urge the Board to try as much as
- 22 it can, even though I understand that one thinks about
- 23 these together, to separate those issues for your
- 24 consideration.
- 25 Having said that, we would ask for the
- 26 Board to accept staff's recommendation to hear this
- 27 appeal.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you. Any questions
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- 1 for Mr. Hart?
- 2 MS. TOBIAS: Mr. Chairman, I do have
- 3 questions of Mr. Hart, but I do have a comment whenever
- 4 you're ready.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: Please.
- 6 MS. TOBIAS: I do think there are two of
- 7 the things that I want to address in Mr. Hart's comments.
- 8 The first "whereas" where it says, "PRC Section 44103(b)
- 9 requires that facilities accept both types of waste," I
- 10 think we could change the "requires" to "states" which
- 11 would -- rather than making that -- I think "requires" has
- 12 a certain element of opinion in there. So since we've
- 13 said in the substantial issues whereas the last one, that
- 14 one of the issues here is statutory interpretation. I
- 15 think it might be more clear. I don't know if this helps
- 16 or not. The word "states" instead of "requires" might be
- 17 a little more neutral, if you will.
- 18 I also think that in the third to the last
- 19 "whereas" on the first page, we should omit the clause
- 20 that says, "Upon learning that Safety-Kleen accepted and
- 21 disposed of non-hazardous waste at the facility," and
- 22 just -- I think the important part of that "whereas"
- 23 clause is, "The Imperial County LEA ordered a cease and
- 24 desist." I would suggest that we omit -- we don't know
- 25 exactly why they chose this time either.
- 26 I think those are two things that we could
- 27 do that would address some of Mr. Hart's comments.
- 28 GORDON HART: Mr. Chairman, if could I

- 1 comment.
- 2 CHAIRMAN EATON: Sure.
- 3 GORDON HART: Greatly appreciate both of
- 4 those suggestions. With regard to the first suggestion of
- 5 the "states" versus "requires," I agree that would be
- 6 preferable. If we are going to change things though, the
- 7 actual statute does not have the term "non-hazardous
- 8 waste" in it. It has the term "other solid wastes," so if
- 9 we're going to change it, I would suggest it state,
- 10 "Facilities that accept both hazardous and other solid
- 11 wastes."
- 12 MS. TOBIAS: I would suggest that we state
- 13 whatever the statute says. If that's what it says, I
- 14 would suggest we use quotes around whatever the statutory
- 15 language is since I think that's what is at issue.
- 16 CHAIRMAN EATON: And -
- 17 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. Yes,
- 19 Mr. Pennington. Before we move, I want to make sure that
- 20 we had the -- unless you had a comment.
- MR. PENNINGTON: No. I was going to move.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: With regard to the whereas
- 23 clause "upon learning," what was the recommendation?
- 24 MS. TOBIAS: I'm suggesting that we take
- 25 out the first clause there "upon learning that
- 26 Safety-Kleen accepted and disposed of non-hazardous waste
- 27 at the facility." The important -- and that's the first
- 28 part of that. The important part is that the LEA has

- 1 issued or has ordered Safety-Kleen to stop accepting the
- 2 waste. So it would read --
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Delete the first sentence
- 4 up to the -- is that a comma?
- 5 MS. TOBIAS: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: And start the sentence --
- 7 MS. TOBIAS: It would read, "Whereas the
- 8 Imperial County LEA ordered Safety-Kleen to cease
- 9 accepting non-hazardous wastes."
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Hart, is that okay
- 11 with you?
- 12 GORDON HART: That's quite acceptable to
- 13 us.
- 14 CHAIRMAN EATON: I know none of you are
- 15 getting paid by the word. Anyway --
- 16 MS. TOBIAS: This would be a much longer
- 17 resolution if we were.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: Absolutely. I'm sorry,
- 19 Mr. Pennington.
- 20 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
- 21 adoption of Resolution 1999-332, as amended by counsel,
- 22 accepting the appeal from Safety-Kleen.
- 23 Timing? I thought that was in the
- 24 resolution. 60 days; is that all right?
- 25 MS. TOBIAS: I think it -- can we set it?
- 26 I think it would be a good idea if you were able to
- 27 actually set the date.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: We have a Board meeting

- 1 scheduled for -- and I'm trying to think. September --
- 2 PETER WEINER: 21, 22.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: The 21st is like the night
- 4 after Yom Kippur, if I'm not mistaken. I know I'm just
- 5 thinking of these things. I just want to make sure that
- 6 people don't have a problem, and if that's going to be a
- 7 problem for the Board as a whole as we look at some of
- 8 those things.
- 9 PETER WEINER: Unless you do two days, Yom
- 10 Kippur is on the 19th. It would end on the 20th.
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: For the record, that was
- 12 Mr. Weiner who was giving us the calendar update, Peter
- 13 Weiner. I have to do this. It's part of the record.
- 14 You've got to show you made an appearance, Mr. Weiner.
- 15 (Laughter)
- MR. PENNINGTON: What is the date?
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: I think -- why don't we
- 18 say the 22nd to be sure, which is the second day.
- MR. PENNINGTON: September 22nd.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: September 22nd.
- 21 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman, I'll move
- 22 adoption of Resolution 1999-332 as amended by counsel to
- 23 accept the appeal of Safety-Kleen and hear their appeal on
- 24 September 22nd, 1999.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'll second that motion.
- 26 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 27 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.

- 1 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 3 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 4 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 5 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 6 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 7 Thank you. All right.
- 8 SENATOR ROBERTI: I move we --
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Item Number 27 and 28.
- 10 Might as well, you know.
- 11 Madam Secretary, if could you please call
- 12 the role again for Item Number 27.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Member Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 15 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Member Roberti.
- 16 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 17 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. That motion
- 18 passes.
- 19 Item Number 28, if you will call the
- 20 role.
- 21 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Member Roberti.
- 22 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: That motion passes. Back
- 24 on the regular calendar.
- 25 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Chairman Eaton and
- 26 Members, Item Number 29 is consideration of the reduction
- 27 of the recycling market development revolving loan program
- 28 fee of 1.5 percent to an appropriate level.

- 1 As you may remember, over a year ago in
- 2 April of 1998, an item was brought before the Board and it
- 3 contained a number of streamlining measures for the RMDZ
- 4 loan program. One of those elements was the reduction of
- 5 the loan fee from 3 percent to one and a half percent. At
- 6 the time of that discussion several Board Members
- 7 requested that we proceed at one and a half percent for a
- 8 period of time and then return to the Board with a
- 9 discussion item and consideration of a further reduction
- 10 in the loan program fee.
- 11 Jim will present the this item.
- 12 JIM LA TANNER: Item 29 is reducing the
- 13 fee. Currently it's one and a half percent on a loan now
- 14 that conveys \$15,000 to obtain the loan, collected out of
- 15 loan closing. What we do is we take it out of proceeds
- 16 through escrow. They actually receive \$985,000 in
- 17 proceeds from us.
- 18 This item is a result several things.
- 19 Discussions that staff has had with potential applicants
- 20 for the loan program concerning the cost of applying for
- 21 it.
- 22 We also have a survey conducted on the loan
- 23 program performed by JD Franz Research Company which
- 24 identified the customers they called indicated this was a
- 25 barrier. The customers they called was a list supplied by
- 26 us and included current recipients of the loan program,
- 27 customers who have paid off the loans we've sold,
- 28 potential applicants, and also some we have declined.

- 1 This is one of several areas we're
- 2 addressing at this point to make the loan program more
- 3 attractive to recycling-based businesses updating the
- 4 needed capital.
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions? How many times
- 6 have we reduced it over the last year?
- 7 CAREN TRGOVCICH: We reduced it that one
- 8 time, from 3 percent to one and a half. One time. If you
- 9 were to ask for staff's recommendation on an appropriate
- 10 level, we would suggest somewhere in the range of one-half
- 11 of a percent. We would also like to suggest in the event
- 12 that the Board Members choose to pursue a reduction in the
- 13 fee, that in Resolution 1999-285 on the "now, therefore,
- 14 be it resolved" line, it says, "The Board approves a
- is reduction from one and a half percent to," blank, and that ${\bf r}$
- 16 would be a level you determined for all loans approved by
- 17 the Board from this date forward.
- 18 We would suggest a change in the wording
- 19 from "approved" to "funded." That would allow borrowers
- 20 who have been approved for by funding from the Board but
- 21 for which the loans have not yet closed, and I believe
- 22 there are three, to take advantage of the reduction in the
- 23 origination fee. This would also represent a reduction in
- 24 work load for staff because on the million-dollar loan, a
- 25 reduction of the 1 percent is significant and it would be
- 26 in the borrower's financial interest to potentially
- 27 withdraw their application, refile at \$300, in order to
- 28 save any additional interest or origination fee reductions

- 1 that they might realize as a result of this item.
- 2 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- 4 MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of
- 5 Resolution 1999-285 reducing the loan fee charged by the
- 6 program from one and a half percent to a half a percent
- 7 for all loans funded by the Board from this date forward.
- 8 MR. JONES: I'll second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. Mr. Pennington
- 10 moves and Mr. Jones seconds that we adopt Resolution
- 11 1999-285.
- 12 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- MR. JONES: Aye.
- 15 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 17 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 18 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 19 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 21 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Item Number 30, Chairman
- 22 Eaton and Members, is consideration of approval of the
- 23 model state agency waste reduction and recycled content
- 24 product procurement policy.
- 25 This item has been under development for
- 26 several months, and it follows the adoption of the Board
- 27 of your revised in-house waste reduction policy. This
- 28 model policy represents a much broader approach to the

- 1 in-house waste reduction program that we currently have on
- 2 record and represents an incorporation of other elements
- 3 such as state agency buy-recycled and green building
- 4 elements as well.
- 5 Jill Lamer will make this presentation.
- 6 JILL LARNER: Thank you, Caren. Good
- 7 afternoon, Chairman Eaton, Members. I'm Jill Lamer. I
- 8 work in the Waste Prevention and Market Development
- 9 Division. I'll be presenting Item 30.
- 10 Attachment 1 to Item 30 is called Waste
- 11 Reduction Policies and Procedures for State Agencies --
- 12 how to reduce, reuse, recycle in the state government. It
- 13 is a guidance document on waste reduction and recycled
- 14 content policies and procedures for California State
- 15 agencies, and as Ms. Trgovcich stated, is modelled after
- 16 our own in-house program and other resources we have here
- 17 at the Board for businesses and state agencies.
- 18 It's been developed in an effort to
- 19 establish state government responsibility and
- 20 accountability towards meeting the AB 939 diversion goals
- 21 and to promote resource efficiency and environmental
- 22 responsibility within state government. Its purpose is to
- 23 provide California state departments, as defined, with the
- 24 framework to develop their own waste reduction and
- 25 recycled content procurement policies and goals for four
- 26 reasons: To demonstrate state leadership and
- 27 responsibility towards meeting state solid waste goals,
- 28 show environmental leadership in conserving natural

- 1 resources in order to maximize budget resources through
- 2 the efficient use of all resources, and to further
- 3 compliance with laws requiring state agency waste
- 4 reduction and buy-recycled activities.
- 5 I'm going to guickly go through the history
- 6 of this item. The Board -- this item was before the Board
- 7 on June 9th with our in-house waste reduction policy.
- 8 There was no discussion or action on that at that time.
- 9 Since then, several Board programs, staff has contributed
- 10 to this paper, including Project Recycle Staff stating to
- 11 buy recycle campaign, our organics staff, and we've
- 12 included general information on green buildings, our
- 13 definitions and benefits and resources we have at the
- 14 Board for that. This item was concurrently reviewed and
- 15 approved by two divisions, by ours and Diversion and
- 16 Planning Division.
- 17 I would like to just quickly provide a
- 18 couple highlights of the paper itself and the attachments.
- 19 The introduction is a description of the state solid waste
- 20 mandates, just to set the stage for other state agencies,
- 21 and it describes the waste management hierarchy. The
- 22 hierarchy is important because it is looking for state
- 23 agencies to focus on waste prevention and reuse first, as
- 24 we have here at the Board.
- 25 Since the printing of this item, staff has
- 26 included another statement that is not included in your
- 27 packet under the Introduction section of the state
- 28 government's role in reducing waste, and I'll read that

- 1 statement now. "Current law places state waste diversion
- 2 responsibility on local government. Each California State
- 3 agency is responsible for participating and contributing
- 4 to the diversion goals of the jurisdiction of regions of
- 5 the state in which it operates," and staff recommends
- 6 including that statement in the introduction.
- 7 The statement helps clarify that California
- 8 State agencies are not exempt in the state diversion waste
- 9 mandates and they are responsible for participating in the
- 10 activities of local jurisdictions in which they reside.
- 11 Other highlights include, we defined
- 12 benefits of waste reduction based on using resources most
- 13 efficiently, saving the State both money and resources,
- 14 and producing less waste. This is the same message the
- 15 Board has been providing private business through its
- 16 business resource efficiency program. It's an effective
- 17 message that gets to the heart of every business and
- 18 organization how to save money and resources.
- 19 Waste reduction is not just a recycling
- 20 collection program, it is operational efficiency and the
- 21 smartest way to operate an organization, to make use of
- 22 all resources.
- 23 Another highlight we include is that
- 24 successful waste reduction requires organizational
- 25 support. Management support, and employee input through
- 26 policies and procedures is critical to making waste
- 27 reduction happen, and this is a highlight of the paper as
- 28 well.

- 1 We've included sample waste reduction
- 2 policies in Attachment 2 with recommended action items,
- 3 and these are based on actual policies the Board has put
- 4 in place over the years. They're listed under the areas
- 5 of general waste reduction, resource efficiency,
- 6 prevention, reuse, employee education, collection, and
- 7 recycled product procurement.
- 8 The document briefly describes the process
- 9 to Implement a waste reduction program with references to
- 10 existing resources here at the Board.
- 11 The final section is defined
- 12 individually -- prevention, reuse, collection,
- 13 procurement, green buildings and organics, and we include
- 14 a lot of references to existing resources here at the
- 15 Board.
- 16 The intended use of this document, I'll say
- 17 a few words about that. Current Board programs that
- 18 assist state agencies with which waste reduction are
- 19 Project Recycle and State Agency Buy Recycle campaign.
- 20 These programs primarily promote recycling collection and
- 21 recycled content prior to procurement within state
- 22 government. Both have varying degrees of participation by
- 23 state agencies.
- 24 This document is intended to promote
- 25 comprehensive waste reduction to include prevention, reuse
- 26 and the benefits of resource efficiency within state
- 27 government. Staff intends to use this document as a
- 28 starting point for Board staff to provide comprehensive

- 1 waste reduction systems to other state agencies. It's not
- 2 intended to compile all the information provided through
- 3 existing programs, but to set the stage for the importance
- 4 of waste reduction within state government that provides
- 5 sample policy statements and references to existing
- 6 resources at the Board for state agencies.
- 7 In conclusion, staff recommends Option 2 in
- 8 the item, adoption of Resolution 1999-158, with the
- 9 specific amendment to the introduction section I stated
- 10 earlier.
- 11 CHAIRMAN EATON: Questions?
- 12 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, first off, I
- 15 think this is a good document. I would suggest that in a r
- 16 briefing, a little -- maybe in the introduction what we
- 17 ought to use this for is to let the people that are
- 18 reading it know that all state employees are residents in
- 19 a city or county that is responsible for AB 939 and face
- 20 conformance with that and potential fines; and that, you
- 21 know, state agencies need to do their part. And the
- 22 correlation or the example I'm trying to use -- and maybe
- 23 you word smiths can figure out a way to do it -- I want
- 24 the people that are reading this to understand that if
- 25 their state agency doesn't do anything, when they go home
- 26 at night, when their garbage rates go up, their recycling
- 27 rates go up, if we put that city on compliance or
- 28 ultimately fine it, they're going to be paying that on

- 1 their can every week.
- 2 I think that people need to understand that
- 3 they are responsible as citizens where they live. They
- 4 need to make sure the agency that they work for is
- 5 participating because in some cases that will lessen the
- 6 burden for them. It's strictly an economic issue, and
- 7 maybe they need to understand. They want to help foster
- 8 the program at the state agency where it's not paid for
- 9 directly out of their pocketbook, or they want it to
- 10 revert to their collection system at their home.
- 11 I don't know if it's a big deal, but it
- 12 would seem to me like -- this Board has done an awful lot
- 13 to make people try to understand. Maybe we just have to
- 14 hit people a little harder and make them understand that
- 15 they ultimately have a responsibility at home. If their
- 16 agency in that neighborhood isn't doing its job, their
- 17 price is going to go up.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: I just have two comments,
- 19 if I may. One, when do we plan on the roll-out of this to
- 20 other agencies? As we begin to -- as we heard this
- 21 morning, the State, whether it be in the area of
- 22 rubberized asphalt, green procurement, all kinds of
- 23 purchase recycle -- is there a way that we have a time
- 24 frame so we can get at another agencies in time for to us
- 25 start implementing it or having them, you know, adhere or
- 26 to get some sense of where we would like them to be at
- 27 least under the model that we have proposed?
- 28 JILL LARNER: One of the suggestions that

- 1 we were going to make is your office, along with Secretary
- 2 Adams and Secretary Hickox, are in the process of
- 3 preparing a memo from Secretary Adams to the other cabinet
- 4 heads on state agency buy recycle. This may be a
- 5 component that could be folded into that memo to the other
- 6 agency heads and attached as example of policy statements
- 7 and other guidance and technical assistance that they
- 8 might want to take advantage of. I think that memo, as
- 9 you described it, was originally designed to focus on
- 10 procurement and that is one of the three legs of this
- 11 policy.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Just one other issue that
- 13 I have on at least my Attachment 2, page 20-22, under the
- 14 heading "Recycled Content Product Procurement Policy
- 15 Statements and Action Items, " I'm sorry, 30. 30. r
- 16 Actually, it's 20 on mine. 30-22, where it says, "Buy
- 17 recycled content products rather than non-recycled content
- 18 products. Price, quality and availability being
- 19 comparable," is there a way we can separate that price,
- 20 quality and availability as it relates to recycled
- 21 products, because as you well know, one of the burdens
- 22 we've had, whether it be in paper or anything that the
- 23 first time the issue of price comes up, automatically, no.
- 24 You know, when we had the discussion the other day of
- 25 Department of General Services, they were willing to
- 26 purchase the paper, but they said that the envelopes were
- 27 three times the cost. When you go in and find out what
- 28 the bulk of the numbers that we purchase of envelopes, we

- 1 find out that those that supply the envelopes are willing
- 2 to cut the price substantially of envelopes, so it is
- 3 comparable.
- 4 Is there a way we can -- we're almost sort
- 5 of stabbing ourselves by throwing in a price component,
- 6 but just separating it out a little bit, we're comparing
- 7 apples and apples.
- 8 CAREN TRGOVCICH: I think that --
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: You know what I'm trying
- 10 to get at? So that we don't have our own document sort of
- 11 come back and hurt us.
- 12 CAREN TRGOVCICH: What we intended to do
- 13 here was simply nearer the statutory requirements that are
- 14 in place right now, but that does not at all reflect, as
- 15 you state, the commitment and direction of the
- 16 administration as well as Secretary Adams and others that
- 17 price no longer becomes an issue when you have enough
- 18 demand for the product, using envelopes as your example.
- 19 So we can certainly work in this document
- 20 which is a policy document on separating out that price
- 21 issue.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. I'll move that
- 23 we adopt Resolution 1999-158.
- MR. PENNINGTON: Second, Mr. Chairman.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Mr. Eaton
- 26 moves, Mr. Pennington seconds that we adopt Resolution
- 27 1999-158.
- MR. PENNINGTON: As amended.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: As amended. Without
- 2 objection, we will substitute the previous role call. No
- 3 objection, such shall be ordered.
- 4 Next item, I believe, is Item Number 31.
- 5 We'll take a five-minute break. How about
- 6 that?
- 7 (Brief recess taken.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Ms. Fish.
- 9 KARIN FISH: Thank you, Chairman Eaton.
- 10 Karin Fish, Deputy Director for the Division of
- 11 Administration.
- 12 This item is the consideration of
- 13 allocation and award of available recycled market
- 14 development funds for alternative projects. This is a
- 15 follow-up of an item that was heard last month where seven r
- 16 alternative projects were funded from '98-'99 Integrated
- 17 waste management account funds. At that meeting the
- 18 Boards directed staff to bring the three projects that you
- 19 see before you back this month to be funded from available
- 20 '98-'99 RMDZ funds.
- 21 The three projects are as follows: \$45,511
- 22 to provide additional funding for a compost mulch
- 23 partnership project headed by the Central Coast Resource
- 24 Conservation and Development Council; \$200,000 for an
- 25 interjurisdictional agreement with the East Bay Regional
- 26 Park District to incorporate recycled content material in
- 27 the construction of a dining facility at Camp Arroyo
- 28 Environmental Education Center; and \$50,000 to enter into

- 1 an agreement with the City of Los Angeles to enhance and
- 2 expand the L.A. Shares Reuse program.
- 3 Does the Board have any questions on the
- 4 three projects?
- 5 CHAIRMAN EATON: No. These were the three
- 6 projects that were before us, I believe.
- 7 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 9 MR. JONES: I don't have a resolution.
- 10 KARIN FISH: I think what they decided was
- 11 that based on the Board funding, that the resolution would
- 12 then be provided once they heard the Board's intent.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: And "they" being?
- 14 KARIN FISH: Staff.
- 15 CHAIRMAN EATON: Are you separating
- 16 yourself from them?
- 17 KARIN FISH: No. Well -- quit teasing me.
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right.
- 19 KARIN FISH: See, I get nervous and now
- 20 you're teasing me.
- 21 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
- 22 move that we fund through the RMDZ account \$45,511 to the
- 23 Central Coast Resource Conservation Development Council
- 24 for their program, \$200,000 in an interagency agreement
- 25 with the East Bay Regional Park District for Camp Arroyo,
- 26 and \$50,000 for an agreement with the City of L.A. for the
- 27 L.A. share reusable program.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I'll second that.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Mr. Jones
- 2 moves and Mr. Pennington seconds that we adopt staff
- 3 recommendation for the recommended three projects as
- 4 described in the items of 31.
- 5 Madam Secretary, please call the role.
- 6 BOARD SECRETARY: Board Members Jones.
- 7 MR. JONES: Aye.
- 8 BOARD SECRETARY: Pennington.
- 9 MR. PENNINGTON: Aye.
- 10 BOARD SECRETARY: Roberti.
- 11 SENATOR ROBERTI: Aye.
- 12 BOARD SECRETARY: Chairman Eaton.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Aye.
- 14 Next item.
- 15 MR. PENNINGTON: We didn't make Howard work V
- 16 for this.
- 17 (Laughter)
- 18 CHAIRMAN EATON: One more question.
- 19 KARIN FISH: Too late.
- 20 CHAIRMAN EATON: Could you also report back
- 21 to us as who "they" are in the future?
- 22 KARIN FISH: You want that in an item?
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: No. 33.
- MR. JONES: There is a resolution to give
- 25 out this money.
- 26 (Laughter)
- 27 ALAN WHITE: Good afternoon. I'm Alan
- 28 White of the Used Oil and Household Hazardous Waste Grant

- 1 Section. I did bring the resolution. I'm here to discuss
- 2 Item 33.
- 3 I'm here today to present for your
- 4 consideration the item to award the unfunded, seven-cycle
- 5 household hazardous waste grant, otherwise referred to as
- 6 the "B" list, with fiscal year 1999-2000 funding. In
- 7 September of 1998, the Board approved scoring criteria for
- 8 the '98-'99 household hazardous waste grant section
- 9 seventh cycle.
- 10 After the Board approved the criteria,
- 11 local jurisdictions applied for these grant funds through
- 12 the normal Notice of Funding Availability process. Staff
- 13 received and evaluated 48 applications using the approved
- 14 criteria. 36 applications received passing scores.
- 15 However, only the 17 highest ranking proposals for a total
- 16 of \$2,985,431 were awarded grants at the April 1998 Board
- 17 meeting because we had limited funding.
- 18 Since then, the fiscal year 1999-2000
- 19 Governor's budget appropriated additional funding for the
- 20 HHW projects. Therefore, sufficient funds are now
- 21 available to provide funding to the remaining applicants
- 22 that met the Board's criteria but were not awarded grants.
- 23 This item recommends that those 19 applicants, referred to
- 24 again as the "B" list, be awarded household hazardous
- 25 waste grants. The total recommended award, \$1,885,588
- 26 funded from the fiscal year 1999-2000 monies. This award
- 27 includes funding for the remainder of the City of Oxnard's
- 28 regional proposal that was the 17th application on the

- 1 original list and was therefore only partially funded.
- 2 If you approve this item, the grant period
- 3 for the "B" list grants would be from August 1st, 1999 to
- 4 March 31st, 2002. All terms and conditions and procedural
- 5 requirements will be the same as the original seventh
- 6 cycle.
- 7 Therefore, staff recommend that the Board
- 8 award the household hazardous waste grants "B" list grants
- 9 for fiscal year 1999-2000 monies as presented in
- 10 Resolution 99-329.
- 11 That concludes my presentation.
- 12 CHAIRMAN EATON: Any questions of staff?
- MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of \mathbf{r}
- 16 Resolution 1999-329 awarding the household hazardous waste
- 17 grants "B" list for fiscal year '98-'99.
- 18 MR. JONES: I'll second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN EATON: All right. Mr. Pennington
- 20 moves, Mr. Jones seconds we adopt Resolution 1999-329.
- 21 Without objection, we'll substitute the previous role
- 22 call. Hearing no objection, it shall be entered.
- 23 The other thing, if I could ask Board
- 24 Members just one second. The current year grants, when
- 25 were you planning on bringing those back, the new cycle?
- 26 ALAN WHITE: The block grant?
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: HHW, the remaining monies.
- 28 MR. JONES: Any of them.

- 1 ALAN WHITE: On the HD8, household
- 2 hazardous waste, that's coming up and a block grant is
- 3 already there. The opportunity grant will be coming up.
- 4 MITCH DELMAGE: We haven't set the date
- 6 yet. Mitch Delmage, Manager of the Used Oil and Household
- 6 Hazardous Waste Branch. We believe that they'll be coming
- 7 in the spring. We don't want to double them up. The
- 8 opportunity grant will be coming in December. We're
- 9 trying to stagger them for work load considerations.
- 10 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'm talking about 1111W.
- 11 MITCH DELMAGE: That's correct. That will
- 12 be coming in the spring.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Is there a way we can move
- 14 them up from December?
- 16 MITCH DELMAGE: Well, we can, but we're
- 16 doubling up with the opportunity grant. One of the things
- 17 that we were considering, but I'm not sure if we have time
- 18 to do this, is combining the two grant cycles into one
- 19 grant and combining the monies, but we haven't been able
- 20 to get all the details worked out and don't see that we
- 21 can get that done before the applications are submitted
- 22 for the opportunity grants.
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay. There's -- the
- 24 reason for it, just so -- when we went before the
- 25 legislature, it was a division of funds. If you remember,
- 26 we were underfunded in this program, and to get the
- 27 additional authority for the extra \$3 million, they asked
- 28 if we could kind of see what we could do to put this money

- 1 on the Street. That was one of the recommendation. I
- 2 would like to be able to go back to them come February
- 3 when they start the proceedings to let them know, or
- 4 whoever else, that we have done that, and I think it's
- 5 important because it was really -- was some debate whether
- 6 or not we should receive those funds. And I don't want to
- 7 go so far to say it was a condition of that, I think
- 8 that's overstating it, but it was highly stressed it would
- 9 be an opportunity.
- 10 If I could ask Mr. Chandler perhaps to work
- 11 with Mr. Delmage and the others to see if we can bring it
- 12 back in December, that would be helpful for us. We can
- 13 show we've made the effort, we have taken some of the
- 14 backlog and some of the concerns. This happens to be one
- 15 of the more popular programs, as you well know, and try to ${\bf r}$
- 16 keep that money on the street. I think that would be
- 17 helpful for others. So if you could try and see what you
- 18 could do. Thank you.
- 19 MITCH DELMAGE: We would be glad to do
- 20 that.
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: Thank you.
- 22 Item Number 34. I take it you're closing
- 23 out today's meeting.
- 24 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Yes. I thought I'd bring
- 25 this to a standing stop or something along those lines.
- 26 MR. PENNINGTON: I'd rather a standing
- 27 ovation.
- 28 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Screaming halt, something

- 1 like that.
- 2 CHAIRMAN EATON: There's a song by Led
- 3 Zeppelin, "When the levy breaks, so just hold on."
- 4 (Laughter)
- 5 CAREN TRGOVCICH: We were singing that in
- 6 the audience a moment ago.
- 7 Item Number 34 is consideration and
- 8 approval of the final report to the legislature on the
- 9 recycling market development revolving loan program.
- 10 Just by way of very brief introduction, the
- 11 supplemental budget language a year ago required us to do
- 12 both an interim and a final report to the legislature.
- 13 The Board adopted the interim report, and that was
- 14 submitted to the legislature at the first of the year.
- 15 The final report contains very few changes from the
- 16 interim, but there are changes to two sections.
- 17 One is the section on administrative costs,
- 18 the other one with respect to future actions, and Jim will
- 19 summarize those for you.
- 20 JIM LA TANNER: Jim La Tanner, Supervisor
- 21 of the RMDZ loan program.
- 22 Agenda Item 34 is the final report. The
- 23 directive and the final report was to report the actions
- 24 the Board had taken and identified in the preliminary
- 25 report to make the loan program more effective.
- 26 The main concern, if you look at Attachment
- 27 1 on page 5, there's a chart on administrative program
- 28 costs. The concern was that the administrative cost of

- 1 the program was high relative to the number of loans made.
- 2 For the first six years '91 to '97, the administrative
- 3 cost was 18 percent as a percentage of the loans. Last
- 4 year when we did the preliminary report, we were able to
- 5 decrease the overall cost of the loan program thus
- 6 reducing that percentage from 18 down to 14.4 percent.
- 7 During the last year, there was a number of
- 8 changes that have been implemented and this report
- 9 identifies those actions and were effective. We have then
- 10 now been able to bring the percentage down to 11.8
- 11 percent, primarily the result of making more loans.
- 12 The main areas that was in was we
- 13 contracted out the loan servicing to a private bank. We
- 14 contracted out loan closing services to a bank. We have
- 15 outside legal counsel for specialized services on loans,
- 16 and we have one more outside contract in specialized
- 17 services that we also use through Pete Marwick.
- 18 Those efforts that the Board had approved
- 19 and implemented did help reducing the admin costs
- 20 considering the number of loans at that time. What that
- 21 did was that made the program more attractive and made us
- 22 better able to make loans, it made businesses have an
- 23 easier time qualifying, and the result we did make more
- 24 loans and already have a good start for this year.
- 25 The second part of the report on Attachment
- 26 1, page 9, there's a new section that we have added that
- 27 was not in the preliminary report. It's titled, "Future
- 28 actions make the program more effective."

- 1 This -- there's three recommendations in
- 2 there to make the program more effective to provide
- 3 capital to recycling based businesses. This was the
- 4 directive of two sources; one, loan staff working with
- 5 prospective applicants in phone calls and working with
- 6 actual applications that we have received, what they
- 7 perceived were barriers to getting the loan program; and
- 8 second, the JB Franz survey also confirmed our findings
- 9 that there was remaining barriers in applying for the loan
- 10 program.
- 11 There are three areas that we're looking
- 12 at. One is raising the project maximum loan amount.
- 13 currently, we can lend 50 percent of the project up to \$1
- 14 million, whichever is less. The idea was to get private
- 15 industry to help begin making more loans to recycling
- 16 based businesses so they would have to participate and
- 17 primarily while the loans we've made, private banks have
- 18 been the primary funding source. We're now considering
- 19 looking at raising the amount from \$1 million to an amount
- 20 higher than that.
- 21 What we've seen during the last year of the
- 22 program is that a number of the loans we have funded are
- 23 to the larger small businesses as defined by SBA. They're
- 24 not the major corporations, they're small, closely held
- 25 sub-S corporations and a few partnerships. We have fewer
- 26 sole proprietorships actually applying. What that means
- 27 is the companies that we're lending to are primarily
- 28 existing companies that may have started up within the

- 1 last three years but are expanding into new areas of to
- 2 divert additional waste. They're coming up with new
- 3 projects that are a tangent product to their current one,
- 4 to take current feed stock, find a new use for it and
- 5 develop a market.
- 6 We've been lending larger -- larger loans
- 7 were approved last year. The dollar amount has been
- 8 raised. So we're considering the possibility of what
- 9 happens if we raise the amount from \$1 million to an
- 10 amount higher than that. We haven't completed our
- 11 analysis on that yet.
- 12 The second area we're looking at is we're
- 13 currently limited to funding 50 percent of the project,
- 14 whereby the applicant used to find another source for that
- 15 other 50 percent, whether it be a bank, an SBA or own r
- 16 funds.
- 17 If we're able to fund a larger percentage
- 18 of the project, primarily -- for an example, would be
- 19 financing equipment. The equipment that we're financing
- 20 for manufacturers is now becoming more expensive, it's
- 21 more technologically advanced, there's more patents behind
- 22 some of it, and if we're able to fund more of a project,
- 23 then the bank is also able to fund more at the same time.
- 24 We're not going to take away from what private banks do at
- 25 this point.
- 26 There's a barrier right now in that they
- 27 always need to go out and find another lender because the
- 28 company can't finance 50 percent of the project

- 1 themselves. So finding another lender is still a barrier.
- 2 If we're able to finance more than 50 percent, it eases
- 3 that strain on the borrower's ability to go out to a bank.
- 4 There's always a negotiating point with the bank because
- 5 even though we lend 50 percent, we still need 100 percent
- 6 collateral. It makes it easier for us to work with the
- 7 bank.
- 8 In some cases, we may not need a bank to
- 9 come if we can fund, say, 75 percent and the outcome is 25
- 10 percent, and we get first position on collateral, thus
- 11 reducing some of the risk. We're looking at further
- 12 participating especially with some of the smaller banks to
- 13 be able to lend more of a project.
- 14 The third area the Board is considering
- 15 today is the reduction of the loan fee from one and a half
- 16 percent to a half percent on a million-dollar loan. That
- 17 will give an additional \$10,000 available to a company to
- 18 increase their operations.
- 19 Those three items the loan staff is
- 20 currently evaluating the feasibility of and the parameters
- 21 and pros and cons.
- 22 CHAIRMAN EATON: So we'll change the third
- 23 to reflect today's action?
- 24 JIM LA TANNER: That's correct.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: With regard to raising the
- 26 project maximum loan amount, will we also have a
- 27 discussion as to the total amount that any one borrower,
- 28 irrespective of projects -- for instance, is there a total

- 1 amount in the aggregate, I guess is what I'm trying to
- 2 say.
- 3 CAREN TRGOVCICH: There are two issues
- 4 here. The issue with respect to raising the project
- 5 maximum loan amount, that would require statutory change.
- 6 currently statute limits the Board's ability to lend on
- 7 any single project at a million dollars, so both that
- 8 item, where we are in the process of completing an
- 9 analysis, as well as the next item, financing greater than
- 10 50 percent of the project, both of those would require
- 11 statutory change.
- 12 The item that you just raised which is, in
- 13 aggregate, is there a total amount that the Board is
- 14 comfortable lending to a single applicant over multiple
- 15 projects, and we will -- we can bring back as a part of ${\bf r}$
- 16 the additional eligibility discussion, that we discussed
- 17 earlier, that element of what would be the maximum amount.
- 18 That would pertain to the Marspring loan that was approved
- 19 today where that was the third project that Marspring had
- 20 come forward on, bringing the total amount that they have
- 21 received from the Board at \$2.1 million.
- 22 So there may be an approach, a discussion
- 23 and direction, that the Board would like to undertake
- 24 there to limit it, let's say, at two or two and a half,
- 25 whatever the Board felt was appropriate. That could be an
- 26 eligibility discussion, but the issue in here, in terms of
- 27 project cost, would need to be a statutory change.
- 28 CHAIRMAN EATON: And how about perhaps

- 1 including loans to local entities as a future action
- 2 section, could we add a paragraph? Do we think that's
- 3 appropriate, Members to show we are trying to do that, if
- 4 that's going to be a direction we're going. It might be
- 5 something to make it more effective; correct? It's not
- 6 like we're trying to --
- 7 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Correct. We could
- 8 certainly add a paragraph
- 9 CHAIRMAN EATON: I think it's --
- 10 CAREN TRGOVCICH: -- and include it. I
- 11 would like to point out two items in terms of -- or one
- 12 item that is going to change after Board action on this
- 13 report.
- 14 On page 5, Jim referred to -- there's a
- 15 table laying out administrative program costs. It's my
- 16 understanding that the '98-'99 figures may adjust in a
- 17 minor way once the year-end closings are done, and it's my
- 18 understanding that information will be available in the
- 19 September time frame, so that it is possible that we will
- 20 be making editorial changes to that chart on page 5 of the
- 21 report to reflect the year-end closing figures.
- MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- MR. JONES: I would move we adopt
- 25 Resolution 1999-333 to include any typos or that issue
- 26 that you had just talked about.
- 27 CHAIRMAN EATON: Figures as well as.
- 28 MR. JONES: Right.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: I'll second. Mr. Jones
- 2 moves and Mr. Eaton seconds we adopt Resolution 1999-333.
- 3 Without objection, substitute the previous role call.
- 4 Hearing no objection, such shall be ordered.
- S Next item, Number 35.
- 6 CAREN TRGOVCICH: Item Number 35 is
- 7 consideration and approval of amended scope of work with
- 8 the Research Foundation at California State University
- 9 Chico for levy repair project.
- 10 Just to briefly summarize in two sentences,
- 11 this item is seeking Board approval of a scope of work
- 12 change to incorporate unforeseen repair and completion
- 13 costs associated with the levy cutoff wall, as well as a
- 14 dollar augmentation to the contract of \$35,000.
- 15 Item Number 36 is the actual award item to r
- 16 the Research Foundation at California State University
- 17 Chico.
- 18 We would be happy to answer any questions
- 19 and to provide a presentation on this, but given the hour,
- 20 I wanted to ask your preference.
- 21 CHAIRMAN EATON: Members.
- 22 SENATOR ROBERTI: Mr. Chairman, I was
- 23 thoroughly briefed by staff on this item. From my
- 24 perspective, I'm prepared to vote.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: Okay.
- MR. PENNINGTON: I'll move adoption of
- 27 Resolution 1999-337.
- 28 SENATOR ROBERTI: Second.

- 1 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Pennington moves and
- 2 Senator Roberti seconds that we adopt Resolution 1999-337.
- 3 Without objection, we'll substitute the previous role
- 4 call. Hearing none, so shall be ordered. I believe --
- 5 MR. PENNINGTON: Mr. Chairman, I'll move
- 6 adoption of Resolution 1999-338.
- 7 CHAIRMAN EATON: And I'll second that
- 8 motion. So Mr. Pennington moves and Mr. Eaton seconds
- 9 that we adopt Resolution 1999-338. Without objection,
- 10 we'll substitute the previous role call. Hearing no
- 11 objection, so shall be ordered.
- 12 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRMAN EATON: Mr. Jones.
- 14 MR. JONES: Just real quickly. I'm going
- 15 to get more information on this, but since we were talking
- 16 about loans and all the effort that everybody is doing on
- 17 sustainable building and how do you -- we've always had
- 18 this discussion about how do you recognize that
- 19 sustainable green building when you're -- as a builder,
- 20 there's a whole new loan program being put together right
- 21 now to lend money to projects, home purchases of projects,
- 22 that are done green. So I will get as much information as
- 23 I can and share it, but I thought it was -- it's Fannie
- 24 Mae, Fannie Mae projects.
- 25 CHAIRMAN EATON: With that, we come to our
- 26 next and last section, public comment. Is there anyone in
- 27 the audience who would like to make a general comment?
- 28 Mr. Cupps, you indicated earlier you might want to do that

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1 but prefer to lie in wait in the leaves for me.

- 3 MR. JONES: It's a weather issue.
- 4 CHAIRMAN EATON: I should say the grass
- 5 because that is the issue that deals with the weather.
- 6 JOHN CUPPS: Something about the fog in
- 7 here.

2 (Laughter)

- 8 CHAIRMAN EATON: Hearing none, that ends
- 9 the public portion. We will now adjourn into closed
- 10 session.
- 11 Thank you very much, Members. Thank you
- 12 for pushing through what was a long agenda. I know it was
- 13 tight, but I think it was important as we get through some
- 14 of these items that we had to do.
- 15 With that, I thank you.
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